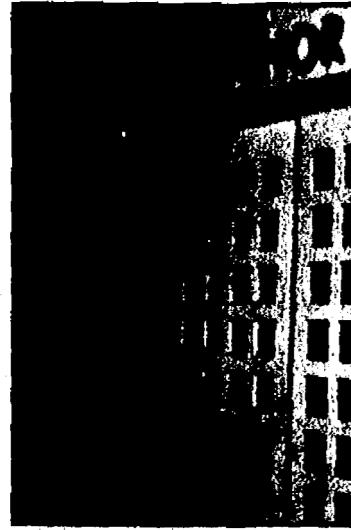


## NEWS

### Military Hall of Honor to be expanded



When school officials decided to put up a "Military Hall of Honor" at Grayling High School (GHS) back in 2006, they had no idea just how big of a project it would be. Now that the memorial is several times bigger than originally expected, board members are looking at ways to renovate the entire project. **8A**

## SPORTS

### Put-back, blocked shot in final seconds win it for GHS



Two key plays by Grayling in the final seconds of last Tuesday's varsity boys' basketball contest vs. Houghton Lake—a put-back to take the lead and a blocked shot to preserve it—helped give the Vikings a 50-49 victory over the visiting Bobcats. **1B**

### Varsity girls win 46-36 at Harbor Springs



The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 46-36 in a varsity girls basketball league game held at Harbor Springs on Friday night. **1B**

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## Fire department contract finalized after 18 months of negotiations

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Over a year after filing a lawsuit against the City of Grayling over fire department operations, the Grayling Charter Township Board agreed to sign a contract with the city for fire services last week.

The township board, by a 4 to 2 vote, approved a contract for fire services for the Grayling Fire Department. Trustees Duane Brooks, Linda Munsey, Shawn Kraycs and Dennis Long cast yes votes in favor of the motion to sign

the contract. Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright and Treasurer Cindy Olson voted against approving the contract. Clerk Monica Ashton was not at the meeting.

On Jan. 9, 2008, the township board unanimously authorized a lawsuit to be filed against the City of Grayling. Township officials were seeking the return of a committee of township and city officials to oversee the operation of the Grayling Fire Department. If a remedy could not be reached, the township was asking 46th Circuit Court

Judge Janet Allen to authorize the division of fire department assets and equipment owned by the township and the city.

After taking the vote at the township board's regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21, Wright was directed to have Grayling Charter Township Attorney Rich Jaskowski drop the lawsuit.

The township board was seeking to have an interim agreement to operate the Grayling Fire Department. One of the goals of the interim agreement, approved by the board in December, was to establish

an administrative fire board under Michigan Compiled Law 41.811, that would include representatives from the city, the township and one at-large member selected by fire board members.

Township officials believed that they were close to settling contract negotiations after a citizens group met with Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright and Grayling City Manager David Thayer. Establishment of the fire-board was recommended at the meeting.

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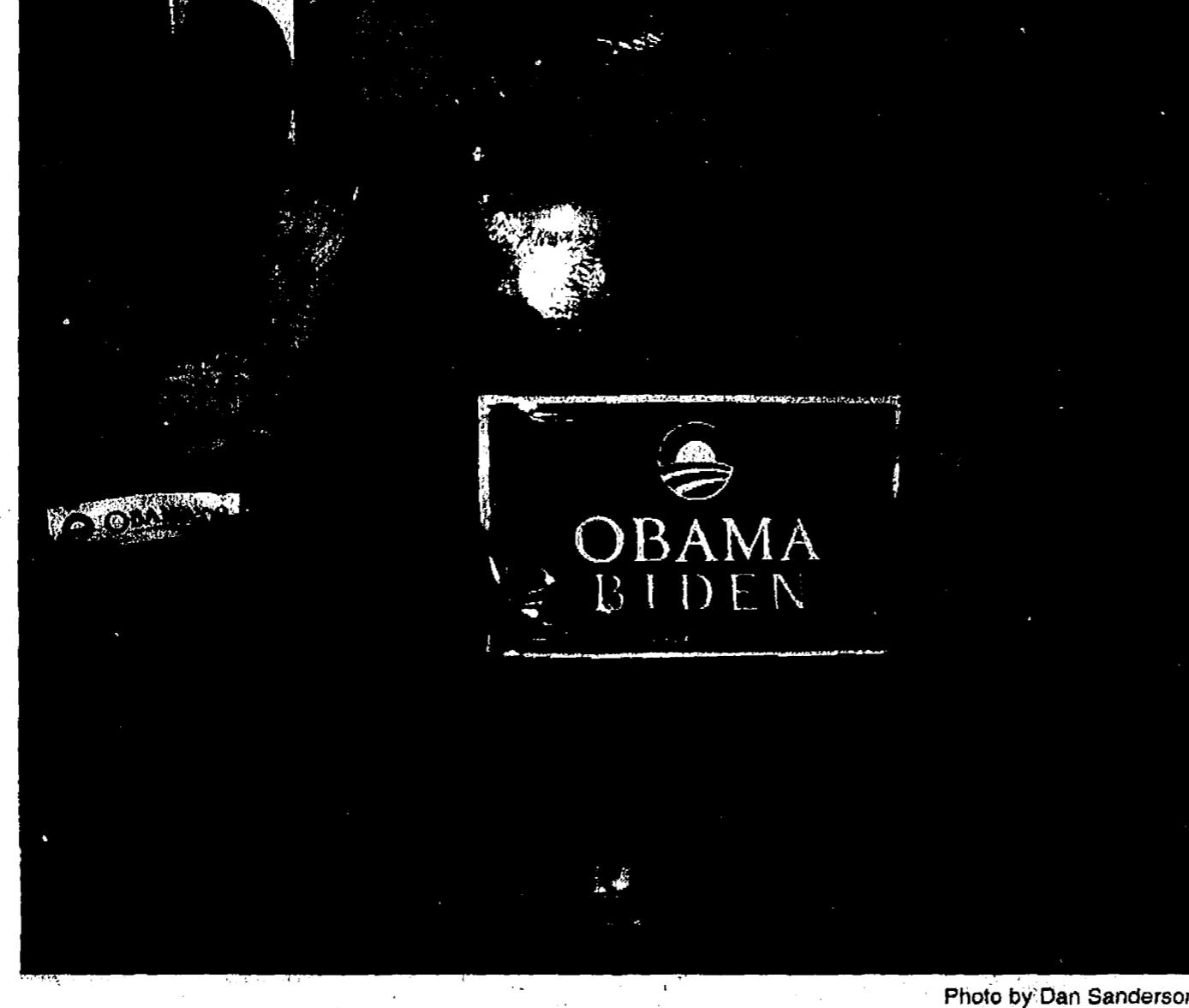


Photo by Dan Sanderson  
Myra and Ray Priebe Jr., sons David and Daniel, age 18, Austin, age 16, and grandmother Clairene Jorella took a six-day trip to Washington D.C. to witness the preparations, inauguration and aftermath of President Barack Obama's entrance into the White House. Above, from left to right, Austin Priebe, Myra Priebe, Clairene Jorella, Ray Priebe Jr., and David Priebe with their Obama memorabilia. Not pictured is Daniel Priebe.

## Family witnesses President Barack Obama's inauguration

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Six members from a Grayling family traveled to Washington D.C. last week to witness history as President Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's first bi-racial president.

Myra and Ray Priebe Jr., sons

David and Daniel, age 18, Austin, age 16, and grandmother Clairene Jorella took a six-day trip to Washington D.C. to witness the preparations, inauguration and aftermath of President Barack Obama's entrance into the White House.

Jorella made it to the edge of the National Mall to listen to

Obama take the oath of office and deliver his inauguration speech. She was separated from the family for a couple of hours when she went to use a port-a-potty.

"The whole crowd moved in one direction and she had no choice, she had to go," Ray said.

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## Board considers piggybacking projects with county building plans

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners opted to hold off on approving a final step for courthouse expansion and upgrades to determine if funds for a new senior center and health department could be included in bonds for the financing.

The board, at its regular monthly meeting last week, decided to delay issuing the bonds for a \$1.5 million court house expansion and renovation project that would make the building compliant with the American Disabilities Act.

Instead, the board will take up the action again at its monthly ways and means committee scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

The addition project to the front of the county building will add American Disabilities Act compliant restrooms and entrances and add an elevator to access the basement level of the building.

Unisex or family restrooms would be installed on the main and basement levels of the county building and in the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Benches in the court rooms would be moved to accommodate people who use wheel chairs. The county veteran affairs office will be moved to where the current women's restroom is located. Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore will move to the space used by the veteran affairs office, and her current office will be used as an extra room to store files and supplies. All electrical, mechanical and fire alarm equipment would be upgraded.

Outside the building, the sidewalks and curbs and the parking lot would be upgraded to accommodate the handicapped.

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## Fees hiked to pay for court bailiffs

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners agreed to let court officials hike the fee for criminal and civil infractions to pay for dedicated bailiffs in the courtrooms.

The fees collected for criminal and civil infractions will be raised by \$7, which would generate about \$23,000 to be able to have two part-time bailiffs available for courtroom coverage.

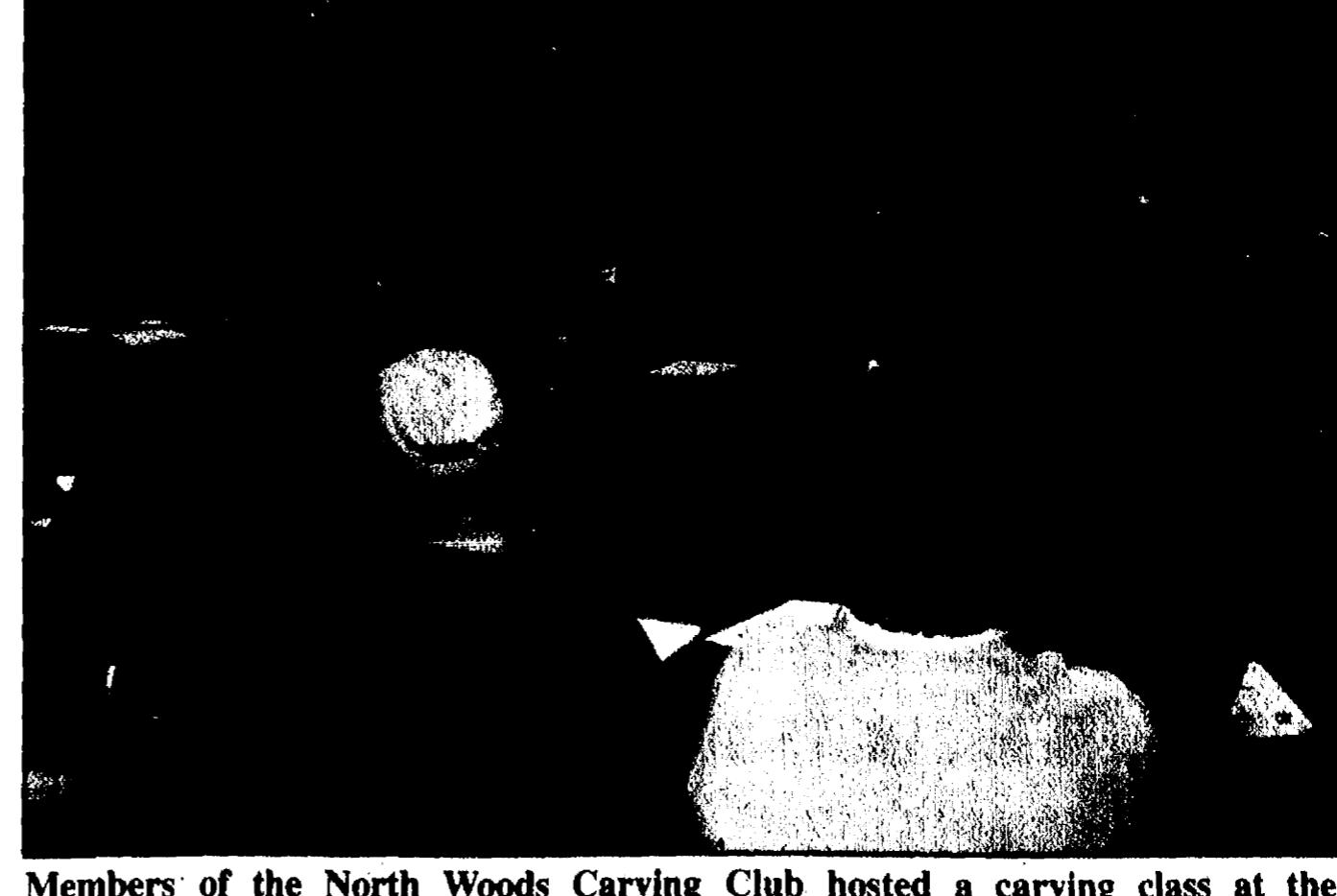
The fees are collected to reimburse the county for the expenses of law enforcement and court operations.

A bailiff is needed to maintain order, safety and proper decorum in court hearings where criminal and civil cases are being prosecuted and heard.

Crawford County District Court Judge Monte Burmeister came before the board to ask for the bailiffs. Burmeister requested the bailiffs several months ago, and renewed his request after several instances

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## Carving out a passion



Members of the North Woods Carving Club hosted a carving class at the Devereaux Memorial Library last Thursday night. Members suggested that, with a little practice, wood carving can be a fun and convenient form of self-expression. "You're only limited by your imagination," club member Brian Druland said. Club members pictured behind the table (from left to right) include Druland, Wendell Smith, Scott McClain and Wendell Hoover.

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## School board vacancy filled, tax renewal and election year changes proposed

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board appointed a retired Grayling physical therapist to fill a vacancy on the school board.

Richard Febey was appointed to fill a vacancy created on the school board when Dr. Douglas Slater stepped down from his board trustee seat in December. Slater was recently appointed to serve as medical director of the AuSable Free Clinic, which provides quality health care to the needy and uninsured in the region. Slater's unexpired term on the school board runs through June 30.

Febey was a self employed physical therapist in Grayling who recently retired and wants to devote more time to the community. His wife, Barbara Febey, is a mathematics teacher at Grayling High School.

Karl Schreiner, the former Grayling Police chief who previously served eight years on the school board, and Steven Sendek, who has two sons who have graduated from Grayling High School and one who is still enrolled in school, were the other two appli-

cants. Sendek said he also wants to volunteer more time serving the community.

Febey was defeated by current Crawford AuSable School Board Trustee Sandra Enos in last year's election.

Crawford AuSable School Board Superintendent Joe Powers said Jim Hulbert, the current school board treasurer whose term is up for reelection, and Febey plan to run on the annual May 5 school election ballot. The deadline to file with Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore as a candidate for the two seats is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

"The board was happy with all three candidates and I believe Mr. Febey's commitment to stay on the board factored into their decision," Powers said. "Mr. Febey has had a commitment and has shown support for our school system throughout many years."

Last week, the board also approved the first reading for a renewal of the district's non-homestead operating millage. The tax levy, which is for 18 mills, is collected from business owners and the owners of

second homes and cabins located in the school district. The tax does not impact homes used as primary residences, Powers stressed.

The millage generates \$5.2 million annually, which is about 33 percent of the school district's \$16 million budget. The non-homestead tax would be collected from 2010 to 2012.

Powers said that the state would not make up for the money if the tax levy is not approved by local voters, which would force the school district to close its doors.

"This is a critical issue for our school to continue operating and it's not a tax increase," Powers said.

Finally, the school board will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 22, on a proposed school election scheduling change.

Under the proposal, school elections would be held on odd numbered election years instead of being held every May. The terms for board members would be changed from four-year-terms to six-year terms.

The change would make it so the school would operate on an election cycle where three school board

members would be elected, followed by the election of two members during the next three following elections.

Lengthening the terms would ensure some continuity on the board.

"Half the board would always be changing over with four-year terms," Powers said.

If the change is approved by the board, the terms of current school board President Carol Ramaswamy, Trustee Enos and Trustee Jane Lange, who is currently serving a two-year term on the board, would be extended for one additional year.

Kirtland Community College and the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon Intermediate School District (COOR ISD) already operate on an odd-year election cycle with six-year terms.

If approved by the Crawford AuSable School Board, all three entities would be able to share the cost of the election, which would save the school district about \$15,000 every two years.

"The purpose is to save dollars with Kirtland and COOR and to drive more dollars into the classroom," Powers said.

## City of Grayling urges residents to run water

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

As arctic air masses con-

tinued to drop temperatures below the subzero mark, City of Grayling officials are urging residents to run

water in their homes to prevent frozen water mains.

On Friday, city officials sent out a run water notice due to the near record cold temperatures the community has been experiencing.

As the temperatures have dropped below zero, the Department of Public Works has been dealing with a number of frozen water service lines.

Chad Beckett, the director of the Grayling's Department of Public Works, said some frozen water lines have been discovered by homes that families have recently moved in to. He said the problem has occurred all over the city, but has particularly been an issue in the Chestnut Street area.

"Most of them we've been able to fix," Beckett said.

Beckett said some water lines freeze up on an annual basis, but problems are occurring in odd and unforeseen places this year.

"Every winter, you can count on them freezing up," he said.

Beckett believes that the heavy snowfall is forcing some city property owners to move snow onto areas where the water lines are underground. The snow acts as an insulator, preventing the frost from going into the ground.

To prevent the water lines from freezing, city officials are asking home and business owners to run their water in a constant stream about the approximate size of a pencil. The city will notify residents and businesses in the spring when it is safe to turn the water off.

Beckett warned that residents should not turn the water off if the community experiences a day where

temperatures go above the freezing mark.

"The warmer temperatures actually drive frost down deeper," he said.

Denny Fruehauf, the cooperative program manager for the National Weather Service in Gaylord, said the current chilly temperatures are being caused by arctic air masses moving down from central and western Canada over the Great Lakes. He said the temperatures will warm up near the end of the week, then will be more seasonal next week.

"It will be a gradual, gradual warming trend over the next few days," said Fruehauf, who coordinates the collection of weather data from 65 weather observers covering 26 counties.

Fruehauf said the region would undoubtedly experience more arctic masses through February and March, but forecasters can only predict the weather for the next seven to 10 days.

"Whether we will go down to where it has been as cold as we have seen, we cannot tell at this point," Fruehauf said.

Beckett said the heavy snowfall and chilly temperatures are taking a toll on the Department of Public Works employees and equipment, making it so they can hardly devote much time to maintain the equipment and trucks.

"We're kind of running constant all the time," Beckett said. "Everybody would be happy to see a few days with no snow and some warmer temperatures."

For more information, people can call the Grayling City Hall at 348-2131.

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## Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

**Did you watch the inauguration?**

**Yes**

(47%)

**No**

(40%)

**Some of it**

(13%)

This week's online poll question: **Which team will win the Super Bowl?**

## Enjoying a taste of summer



Grayling seniors beat the winter chill last Thursday by enjoying a "summer picnic" at the senior center. The special meal featured several dishes usually reserved for the sunnier part of the year. "They have fun," said center director Alice Snyder.

## Chase Bridge Road to be repaired this year

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission recently secured funding to reconstruct 4.5 miles of Chase Bridge Road - a Crawford County roadway that has long been slated for improvement - during this year's construction season.

Chase Bridge Road will be reconstructed from Pere Cheney Road to M-72. The total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$1.3 million. Road Commission officials secured funding for the project at the annual Task Force #9 meeting. The Task Force meeting is responsible for distributing a pot of state and federal money to road commissions, transportation authorities, and cities located inside the region's nine northeast Michigan counties.

The Road Commission is responsible for engineering costs associated with the project.

"People will be glad to know that Chase Bridge Road is finally going to get fixed," said John Hartman, Crawford County Road Commission Board vice-chairman, at last Thursday's regular board meeting.

Chase Bridge Road has been high on the Road Commission's priority list for many years, but past plans to reconstruct it all fell through.

"It's been on our priority list. We're getting to the point where we're finally getting to it," said Don Babcock, Road Commission Managing Director.

The project should free up a significant amount of Road Commission money for other maintenance projects by eliminating the patching currently required to keep

Chase Bridge Road maintained. Babcock said the project could save the Road Commission between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per year.

"We won't have to keep patching it now," Babcock said.

The Road Commission had to borrow ahead in its Task Force money through 2012 in order to pay for the Chase Bridge Road project. The county does not expect to pay for any road projects using Task Force money until 2013 after this year's project on Chase Bridge Road.

In the meantime, the county's road millage - a proposal approved by voters in 2008 - will help pay for primary road reconstruction projects. According to the Road Commission, the millage will generate approximately \$500,000 per year starting in 2010.

The Road Commission has a priority list for primary road reconstruction projects based on a combination of current maintenance costs associated with the road and a "rating system." The rating system formula takes into account the road's overall condition and its volume of traffic.

Sections of primary road slated for possible projects using millage money include: Wakeley Bridge Road, County Road 612, South Grayling Road, Fletcher Road, Hartwick Pines Road, Sherman Road, and Military Road.

Babcock said the Road Commission's engineering firm is already working on plans for the Chase Bridge Road project, and the bidding process is expected to take place in the spring. Construction is expected to begin sometime this summer.

## Family witnesses President Obama's inauguration

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Jorella said that men helped lift her over the cement and steel barricades, and one woman gave her water when she was having a difficult time breathing.

"Everybody was happy and in such a good mood and they were all so helpful," Jorella said.

The rest of the family got to an area between the Washington Monument and the Smithsonian. They were able to see President Obama and read the text of his speech on a JumboTron and hear the new president through several large speakers.

Despite Secret Service Agents, who were on the roofs of every building, and other security, Ray Priebe said he saw no protests or chaos.

"I don't think that anyone had any ill intentions," he said. "It was just a sea of humanity."

The family said they witnessed people from every creed, race, color and religion, who were all joyous at the inauguration and days following the official presidential proceeding.

"It's awesome to see somebody keeping their promises and he's been doing that since day one," Myra said.

"I don't think that either side hopes he fails, because

if he fails, it could destroy the whole country," said Ray, who is chairman of the Crawford County Democratic Party.

Jorella was able to reconnect with the family by use of a cell phone, which was difficult due to the heavy number of calls being made, by the crowd who attended the inauguration, tying up the signals.

Like other people, the family tried to rush to get on the Metro, the subway train that travels to outlying areas of the capitol, after the ceremonies.

"It was just a dead standstill," Ray said.

The Metro is capable of transporting 108,000 people per hour. The family visited the African American Museum and had lunch at the Smithsonian Castle before their turn came to board the train.

They had to wait between five to six hours to get their tickets to board the Metro on the day of inauguration. People were turned away from boarding the train at every stop it made.

"We were packed in like cattle on the train and it was standing room only," Ray said.

The day before the inauguration, the family took the train on a dry run to Washington D.C. to witness preparations for the event.

and visit the American Indian Museum. By the next morning, the layout of the city was changed as city busses were used to close off the streets and cement and steel barricades were in place.

David Priebe said he enjoyed taking in a moment that will soon be added to the history books.

"For me, it was awesome to be there and to witness a part of history," he said.

Austin Priebe shared those same sentiments.

"It was awesome and it was cold," he said.

The family encountered snowstorms in every state they traveled through out to Virginia. They saw license plates from virtually every state, Obama signs and signs that said "D.C. or Bust."

The family had clear weather on the way back, which allowed them to witness the beautiful countryside and make the trip home in one day.

Jorella said the only other large event she has attended was in Little Rock, Ark., after President Bill Clinton was elected to his first term in the White House.

Jorella said she discussed the many first-time events she and her family have experienced during their lifetime while on the trip. She hopes that Obama can

develop policies and programs to provide better education, jobs and futures for the youth.

"It's the only time in my life that I will witness something of this magnitude," Jorella said.

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## Almanack

by Richard Milliman

### Student of history looks at inaugural

**(NOTE - On Jan. 20, the eyes of much of the world centered on Washington as the United States turned to new leadership, and an estimated two million people showed up for the spectacle. What reactions did the inauguration of President Barack Obama arouse among the unticketed, uninvited, uncredentialed, infamous among the throngs who crammed into Washington for the ceremony? One visitor was Stephanie Fitzwater, who as a senior at University of Michigan in 2005 joined an all-night bus caravan of students to experience the Bush inauguration and then shared her thoughts with Almanack readers. Stephanie, my granddaughter, now lives in Williamsburg, Va., and works for the Commonwealth of Virginia as an historical interpreter. We offer her similar essay now. -Richard L. Milliman)**

#### By Stephanie Fitzwater

FOUR YEARS ago, at my first presidential inauguration, although I was not personally a supporter of then President Bush, I am a student of history and I was fascinated by the process.

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In 2005, I waited for hours in the cold and snow to hear the President's speech and watch the parade, and I found myself, as an unticketed member of the public, severely limited in access to the ceremonies of that day. I also found that the events and elements of the day that I witnessed were not the same as those covered in the media.

As soon as we got off the metro, we realized what we were in for. The station platforms already were packed with people shoulder to shoulder and barely moving toward the exit. We squished in among them and started the shuffle, best described by someone in the crowd as resembling "a bunch of colorful penguins."

Despite the close quarters, the energy was high. People on both sides of the station chanted repeatedly "Yes we can!" and "O-bam-a!" Like the two previous Obama events I'd attended, no one complained about the crowds or the waiting. We were all simply happy to be there.

Fifty minutes later, we finally were above ground and headed toward the Mall. Our group of eight split into pairs so each could best find the areas from where we wanted to watch the ceremony, some trying to sneak past security into ticket areas, others trying to find a spot further down the Mall, some climbing a tree.

As we searched for an area that wasn't yet full, we joined that same river of penguins, shuffling for an hour and a half (sometimes not shuffling at all but stopped completely) until

we reached the Washington Monument. Until then, we hadn't really gotten a glimpse of the crowds or the Mall other than the rivers of people between the canyons of buildings, flowing towards the viewing areas.

Coming over the rise of the hill at the Washington Monument, we found a stunning vista of the crowds towards the Lincoln Memorial. It was breathtaking, and looked like a view from the historic 1963 March on Washington, packed with people, and now, at intervals, with jumbo-tron TV screens broadcasting the ceremony. Stunned, we reflected a moment before venturing on, settling on a space in front of a screen near the World War Two Memorial, from where we watched the ceremony and speech before heading out of the city and back to Alexandria and then home.

REFLECTING ON the day's events and the feelings they aroused, most everyone with whom I spoke (or heard on TV) agreed on the obvious importance of the historical moment we as a nation and world are experiencing.

However, one of the aspects that struck me the most was the attitude of those who came to the Mall. Friends and family immediately quieted the few people who began to complain about anything, urging them not to spoil the excited and boisterous community of the

crowd. I also heard many people reflect on the multitude of challenges facing our country and the cult-like status afforded the new president. Very few people I talked to expect him to fix our problems overnight, but rather acknowledged that as a leader President Obama is giving us hope, inspiring us to join with him against the difficult situations facing our country.

On Jan. 20, 2009, I had joined a crowd of almost two million people from all walks of life and from around the world to witness the powerful ability of our nation to peacefully inaugurate a new head of government. More than just watching a distant leader, this day was for many of us the rebirth of the American promise.

After being raised in a world tainted by the violent protests of the 1960s, the disillusionment of Watergate, the suspicion and paranoia of the Cold War and terrorism, the excess of consumerism, and exhaustion from political scandals, many of us felt alienated by or distrustful of government.

Yet on inauguration day, we came to pledge ourselves to the hope and belief in President Obama's message of change. Everyone there knew things are difficult and will continue to be so, but the feelings of community and agency shared by this large crowd celebrated this moment in history while inspiring us to continue the hard work and the hope. As

I heard that day from many voices and as a feeling shared by all, my experiences on Tuesday made me feel the proudest I had ever been to be an American.

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**(CLOSING NOTE -** Stephanie's brother Joe, a sophomore at U of M and one of this group of eight, had voted for the first time in November. Why did he (with a friend) drive all night to get there and all night to get back? "I just wanted to be there," he told me. Venturing down the Mall toward the capitol, Joe spotted an empty tree ahead for a better vantage point, but the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd was so dense, and movement so difficult, he wondered if he could make it to his tree. He said he just kept saying 'Yes, I can,' but by the time he got there several other climbers beat him. He still found an empty branch, and he watched the swearing-in and inaugural speech on a nearby jumbotron TV, getting the same view I had in my living room. What were Joe's most lasting impressions of the adventure? The crowds, people pressing against each other, the difficulty moving, and the mere fact that he was there at an historic event.)

# # #

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## Letters to the Editor

### Responsible ownership is the only assurance of public safety

To the editor:

This letter is regarding the two pit bulls.

I am an animal lover and a responsible pet owner. I have seen first hand the damage these types of animals can do. Two pit bulls could easily kill a full grown man and do it in a vicious and terrible manner.

You're fooling yourself to think these two dogs don't have it in them. Responsible ownership is basically the only assurance of public safety. In this case it doesn't appear that they are responsible owners and they have no business owning such dangerous animals.

As a gun owner, I am responsible for my weapons at all times. No excuse, zero tolerance. My guns are my responsibility and if I screw up, my gun-owning privileges would be promptly revoked. If you can't properly contain, confine or handle such potentially dangerous animals, you have no business owning one. It is the same with a gun. Pit bull or not, if your dog gets loose and attacks someone even once,

it shows a lack of proper training and responsibility. The owners obviously don't have a proper space to confine the animals if they got out in the first place.

The term "attack"... if a pit bull is attacking you, it means it is about to bite, hold and tear you apart. They don't just bite. So waiting for a pit bull to bite you means it has already past the "attacking" phase and entered the "attempt to murder" phase. Those dogs don't just stop ripping your body apart because they get tired or bored. Instinct tells them to kill once they are in the heat of battle. The young gentleman who was attacked was lucky, but he shouldn't have to be. He had every right to ride his bike and be outdoors without being "lucky" to have gotten back home safely having survived a dual pit bull attack. And, it was an attack.

How many more people need to be mauled or killed because the wrong people own these dogs?

Mark Blossfeld  
Roscommon

## What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles – including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column – on our Internet site at [www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com).

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

**Brooke wrote on Jan. 14 (regarding pit bull issue):** "If I had a stick and a bike waved in my face for being curious about something, I would try to protect myself and if provoked, bite them. These dogs did nothing wrong and when called by the owner returned without incident. It's listed on every dog park fence, in every training manual and is basic common sense – if a dog returns on call, the dog is under control. Why not just keep riding your bike, or if you're so scared of dogs, keep a treat or two in your pocket to help with your getaway. And if signs are posted, as they were, and you are scared, why go any further?"

**Tom wrote on Jan. 13 (regarding pit bull issue):** "The point here is that where is it going to stop? Why not just outlaw the breed and euthanize every pit bull because they could hurt someone? What's next after that, outlaw every dog larger than thirty pounds because they could cause damage if they bite someone? How ridiculous does this have to get before people aren't allowed to own dogs anymore?"

**MITN wrote on Jan. 12 (regarding pit bull issue):** "(Pit bulls) Shelby and Riley ... are alive and an important part of someone's

life. I agree the owners need to do something to make sure they are closed in better – they did this. The concrete. Very expensive! If this was an issue it should have been handled then, not months later. The court really needs to deal with cases that need to be dealt with."

**Bill wrote on Jan. 10 (regarding pit bull issue):** "I think that the Judge is very fair and doesn't want there to be another incident where someone gets hurt or worse. To err on the side of caution is a good thing. What if we let them be, and then they attack a child. Who will be the bad one then?"

**Bee wrote on Jan. 10 (regarding pit bull issue):** "Dogs will protect their home and family, so I am not surprised that they didn't show aggressive behavior at the shelter or trainer's location. From INSIDE our doorwall, my dog barks at squirrels and critters and at the occasional stray dog in our unfenced yard. But when walking on a leash away from home, he does not bark or show aggression towards other dogs – he has no 'turf' to protect while he's away from home. What this tells me is that these owners MUST keep their dogs restrained in their yard, no matter what it takes (concrete pen, whatever). It sounds like they have made a better effort to do so now. That's all it would take – don't let them get into a situation where you have to 'call them back.' I don't think the dogs should be euthanized at this point. As a dog lover, I think it is a privilege to own a dog, and you must be responsible for your pet. I hope they get to keep their dogs and will now be excellent examples of dog owners. No third chance, though!"

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**Tom wrote on Jan. 13 (regarding pit bull issue):** "This is an injustice. If animal experts testify that these dogs are not aggressive, they should be released back to their owners. The Minards have taken every step they can to make sure nothing like this ever happens again. It saddens me that decent 'parents' are being deprived of their 'children' because of the judgment. I am a dog owner and treat mine as though they were my children and I cannot even imagine what the Minards are going through. I hope they win their case and the dogs are released back to them."

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

# Briefs

## Rabies shot clinic to be held

A rabies shot clinic will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31, from noon - 4 p.m. at the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter located at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. No appointment is necessary. All rabies shots are \$15 each. Bring pet's shot record to determine if it's a one or three year vaccination. All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier and under the control of an adult. Animals must appear to be in good health. Dog licenses will be available. For more information, call 348-4117.

## Church to hold soup supper

The Women's Club of Bear Lake Christian Church, on M-72 13 miles west of Grayling, will host a soup supper on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The supper will include desserts and drinks. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4 - 8 and free to those under age 3.

## Help center to hold paper drive

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center will hold a paper products drive during the month of February. In addition to toilet paper, facial tissue and paper towels, other items in need are baby diapers, dish soap, clothes soap and women's personal products. Donations may be taken to the CCCC Help Center Monday, Wednesday or Friday, between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., or to participating churches, Glen's Market or Chemical Bank.

## Library to hold winter book sale

The Friends of the Crawford County Library will hold its annual Winter Book Sale at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Feb. 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., and on Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. There will be an advance sale held on Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. for friends members only. You can become a friend by paying the \$10 annual membership fee at the start of the sale. Refreshments will be served.

## GHS now accepting dresses for swap

The sophomore class of GHS is now accepting dresses for their Prom Dress Shop or Swap to be held in March. Dresses, shoes and related accessories can be donated, sold or swapped. Items for sale must be clearly labeled with the seller's name, address, phone number and sale price. Items are to be dropped off at the high school counseling office by March 17. For more information, contact Teresa Bonamie at 989-344-3512.

## CASA holding soccer registration

The Crawford AuSable Soccer Association will be holding registration for children ages 4-19, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, and Thursday, Feb. 5, from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the AuSable Primary lobby. If your child is interested in playing spring soccer, it is important to sign up on these dates only. The cost is \$40 per player.

## Flu vaccination, it's not too late

It is not too late to get your flu vaccine. In Michigan, flu activity normally peaks in late January or February, and influenza can continue to circulate through the spring months. "Flu vaccine is the single best way to protect against influenza", said Dr. James Wilson, Medical Director for District Health Department #10.

Flu is a serious respiratory disease that can lead to complications such as pneumonia and even death. The flu is much more serious than the common cold. Every year in the United States, on average five percent to 20 percent of the population gets the flu, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and about 36,000 people die from the flu.

Flu can be easily prevented. The Health Department strongly encourages everyone who wants to reduce their chances of becoming ill with the flu, or of transmitting it to others, to get vaccinated against influenza every year. This is especially important for those at high risk for serious complications such as older people, pregnant women, children who are 6 months through 18 years of age and people with certain health conditions.

Contacts of high risk individuals - new parents, health care workers, household members, and caregivers - should also be vaccinated to avoid spreading infection to others.

In fact, more than 84 percent of the United States population is recommended to get an annual flu vaccine. That's more than four out of five people. In February 2008, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to expand the recommended ages for annual flu vaccination to include all children 6 months through 18 years of age.

Another group at heightened risk from the flu is pregnant women.

According to a recent study, a two-for-one protection develops when an expectant mother is vaccinated because the unborn child is also protected.

Pregnant women can receive the flu shot during any trimester of pregnancy.

And now healthy, non-pregnant persons ages 2 - 49 years can receive Flumist, a nasal vaccine that works without a shot. That's right, without a shot. For information on receiving a flu vaccine, contact your doctor's office or your local office of District Health Department #10. Up-to-date flu information is available online at [www.michigan.gov/flu](http://www.michigan.gov/flu).

## Relay for Life kick-off to be held

The American Cancer Society invites everyone in the Crawford County community to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones lost and fight back against cancer at this year's Relay for Life event. Crawford county residents will kick off the 2009 American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Crawford County on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Grayling Eagles Club, M-72 East, Grayling.

Although the Relay for Life of Crawford County is more than five months away, now is the time to get involved. Residents are invited to attend the kick-off celebration to learn more about Relay for Life and how they can become part of an overnight event that can lead to a cure for cancer.

Relay for Life is the Society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer. Teams of families, friends and co-workers camp out overnight and take turns walking the

## Registration open for April 4 ACT test

The next ACT achievement test will be administered on April 4. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register by Feb. 27. Late registration deadline is available Feb. 28 through March 13 for an extra fee. Students may register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), or pick up registration forms from high school counseling offices.

April is an ideal time for juniors to take the test. Once they receive their scores, they can plan their senior coursework to better prepare for college and careers. Students may select to send their test scores for free to as many as four colleges or universities during the registration process. Test results may also be sent after the test at additional cost. ACT offers true student choice; students decide only those test scores they wish to report.

The cost is \$31 for the traditional ACT test and \$46 for the ACT Plus Writing. Students should determine whether colleges and universities they are considering require the optional writing score. A list of schools that require the writing test can be found at [www.actstudent.org/writing](http://www.actstudent.org/writing). ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the United States.

The ACT, a curriculum-based achievement exam, consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, and takes about three hours. The ACT Plus Writing requires an additional 30 minutes to complete. Unlike other tests, students are not penalized for guessing and answering

## Raffle Winners

### Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Jan. 25 of \$25 each; Terry Orr, Mary Callewaert and D.J. Golee.

### Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Jan. 23 was Tod Leslie.



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# The Bible Speaks

## Can We Trust God's Justice?

Romans 8:31 assured us we can trust God's person: "...If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:32 reminded us we can trust God love: "32He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Now the third question in Romans 8:33 concerns God's justice: "33Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." Justification is a judicial work in which God as our judge applied the sacrifice of the blood of Jesus Christ to cover our sins, and applied His righteous life for our righteousness. "21For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Cor. 5:21).

First, who can bring a legal charge to challenge our justification in God's court? They cannot bring a charge under God's law because, "...my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ..." (Rom. 7:4). As Paul said in Galatians 2:19: "19For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God." The law condemned us for our sin. Christ died for our sins fulfilling law's

requirements and making us dead to the law. By His resurrection we are alive unto God.

Second, who can bring a legal charge to change our Judge's choice? We are God's elect. The meaning of election is illustrated by God's choice of Jacob over Esau in Romans 9:11: "11(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth.)" God's election or choice determined God's purpose and calling of His own.

Remember in Romans 8:28 we are God's called according to His purpose: "28And we know that all things work together for good to

them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

His purpose was to conform us to the image of his Son in Romans 9:29. His plan was His foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, and glorification of His saints in Romans 8:29,30.

Third, who can bring a legal charge to cancel our Judge's conclusion? "It is God that justifieth." Romans 3:23 says,

"24Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Romans 5:9 says, "9Much more then, being now justified by his

blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." As Titus 3:7 says, "7That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." 1Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1). "11But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for The just shall live by faith." (Gal 3:11). "4Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." (24Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.) (Gal. 3:24).

Peter reminds us in 2 Peter 1:10 to make our calling and election sure: "10Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." "10For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." "20Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Pastor "B"

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## Church Directory

**Christian Science Society**

209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
(989) 732-7001

Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am

April through October

2nd & 4th Wednesday ..... 7 pm

Sunday School ..... 10:30 am

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church**

Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo

400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974

www.mmm-umc.org - Barrier Free

Traditional Service ..... 9 am

Coffee Hour ..... 10 am

Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) ..... 11 am

Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am

Praise & Worship Service ..... 11 am

(Childcare Available)

**Seventh Day Adventist**

Pastor: David Jorgenson

(989) 348-1909

Services held Saturday at Camp Ausable

off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am

Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am

Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Community Chapel**

(Bible based and non-denominational)

Pastor: Larry Hankins

8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells

(989) 348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Web Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

**Grayling Free Methodist**

Pastor: Rick Seward

6552 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093

Early Service ..... 8:30 am

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Morning Service ..... 11 am

Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church of Christ**

3474 West Park Road, Luzerne

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

Adult & Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**

Pastor: Ernie Wagner - (989) 348-1411

heritagebaptist-grayling.org

1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.

(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Assembly of God**

Pastor: John Woydak

701 S. I-75 Business Loop

Parsonage (989) 348-7466

Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Family Night Adult-Youth Children (Wed) ..... 7 pm

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Sunday Worship ..... 10 am

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Sunday Worship ..... 11 am

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**First Baptist Church of Frederic**

Pastor: Dale Hammond

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Unity Church of Today North**

Minister: Terry Dickinson

Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study available at [tldm@freeway.net](mailto:tldm@freeway.net)

**Luzerne Baptist**

Pastor: James Durfee

2247 Durfee Lane

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**

Pastor: Lyle Studer

211 Shellenberger St. - (989) 348-5325

Sunday School ..... 10 am

Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6 pm

Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church Affiliated with S.B.C.**

Pastor: John Scott

705 Madsen St., Grayling - (989) 348-2557

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 11 am

Evening Service ..... 6 pm

Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

**Church of Christ**

Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett

M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am

Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am

Evening Worship ..... 6 pm

Wednesday ..... 7 pm

**Community of Christ**

Pastor: Ann Doty

North Down River Rd. at

1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751

Church School ..... 9:45 am

Preaching ..... 11 am

Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community**

Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.

Parish Office - 707 Spruce

(989) 348-7657

Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses ..... 10 am

**Friendship Church A Christian Reformed Ministry**

Pastor: Rev. Dick Oberg

415 Ohio North, Gaylord

Sunday School ..... 9 am

Morning Worship ..... 10 am

Wednesday Service ..... 6 pm

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

President: David Stephenson

600 North Elm Street, Gaylord

Sacrament ..... 10 am

Sunday School ..... 11 am

Primary ..... 11 am

## 87th District Court

### Sentencings for December 2008 Hon. Monte J. Burmeister

Joshua Martin Pelkey, age 30 of Kalamazoo - Sentenced on Dec. 2, 2008, for snowmobile-operate suspended/revoked/denied; ordered to pay \$310 in fines or serve 31 days in jail.

Ronald Charles Newberry, age 30 of Roscommon - Sentenced on Dec. 8, 2008, for attempted larceny-less than \$200; ordered to pay \$817.50 in fines or serve 81 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Christopher Ryan Barber, age 23 of Gladwin - Sentenced on Dec. 2, 2008, for sex offender-fail to comply with reporting; ordered to pay \$640 in fines or serve 64 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Jason James Verlinde, age 23 of Frederic - Sentenced on Dec. 16, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate and failure to stop at the scene of a property damage accident; ordered to serve 10 days in jail; ordered to pay \$1,085 in fines or serve 90 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Daniel Raymond Bardwell II, age 24 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 2, 2008, for operate without security; ordered to pay \$350 in fines or serve 35 days in jail.

Jeremy Charles Morrison, age 25 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 23, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to serve five days in jail; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Alan Bullock, age 58 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 16, 2008, for operating while visibly impaired and failure to report accident to fixtures; ordered to pay \$665 in fines or serve 66 days in jail; placed on probation for 121 days.

Samuel Edward Laizure, age 23 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 30, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$750 in fines or serve 75 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Dylan Carver Brown, age 31 of Mt. Pleasant - Sentenced on Dec. 16, 2008, for operating while visibly impaired and failure to report accident to fixtures; ordered to pay \$665 in fines or serve 66 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

intoxicated; ordered to serve five days in jail with credit for two days served; ordered to pay \$1,070 in fines or serve 93 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

Toni-Jo Gasser, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 23, 2008, for operate without security; ordered to pay \$355 in fines.

Laura Lee Babbitt, age 18 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 16, 2008, for alcohol-purchase/consume/possess by minor; ordered to serve two days in jail; ordered to pay \$445 in fines or serve 44 days in jail; placed on probation for 182 days.

### Magistrate Camarin Talarico

Adam Michael Sanderson, age 19 of Autrain - Sentenced on Dec. 10, 2008, for license suspended/revoked-allowed another suspended person to operate; ordered to pay \$220 in fines or serve 22 days in jail.

Joshua Cody Partello, age 20 of Grayling - Sentenced on Dec. 10, 2008, for person under 21 purchase/consume/possess liquor; ordered to pay \$335 in fines; placed on probation for 90 days.

For more information, log on to [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 88 complaints the week of Jan. 19 - Jan. 25.

Twenty-five general non-criminal complaints, two delinquent minors, one snowmobile accident, two false alarm activations, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two assault and batteries/simple assaults, one burglary/home invasion, four larcenies, one damage to property, six public peace/disorderlies, one OUIL/UBAL, four health and safeties, two conserva-

tions, one miscellaneous arrest, 13 traffic accidents, one non-traffic accident, one traffic violation-civil infraction, two traffic safety-public appearances, three inspections/investigations-property, five inspections/investigations-other, seven family troubles-domestic and three suspicious situations.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## Library News

The Frederic Community Library is hosting a "Get Hooked" program on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m. Contact Connie Meyer, at 348-4067, to sign up for this children's program that includes stories and activities to teach basic crochet and finger weaving.

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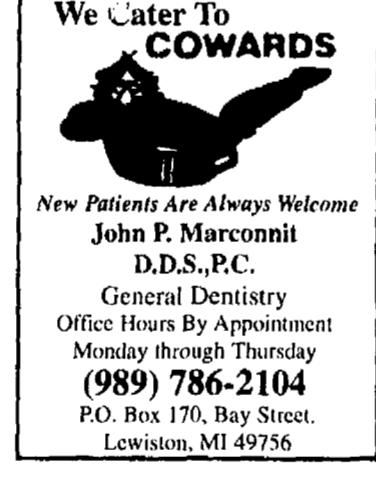
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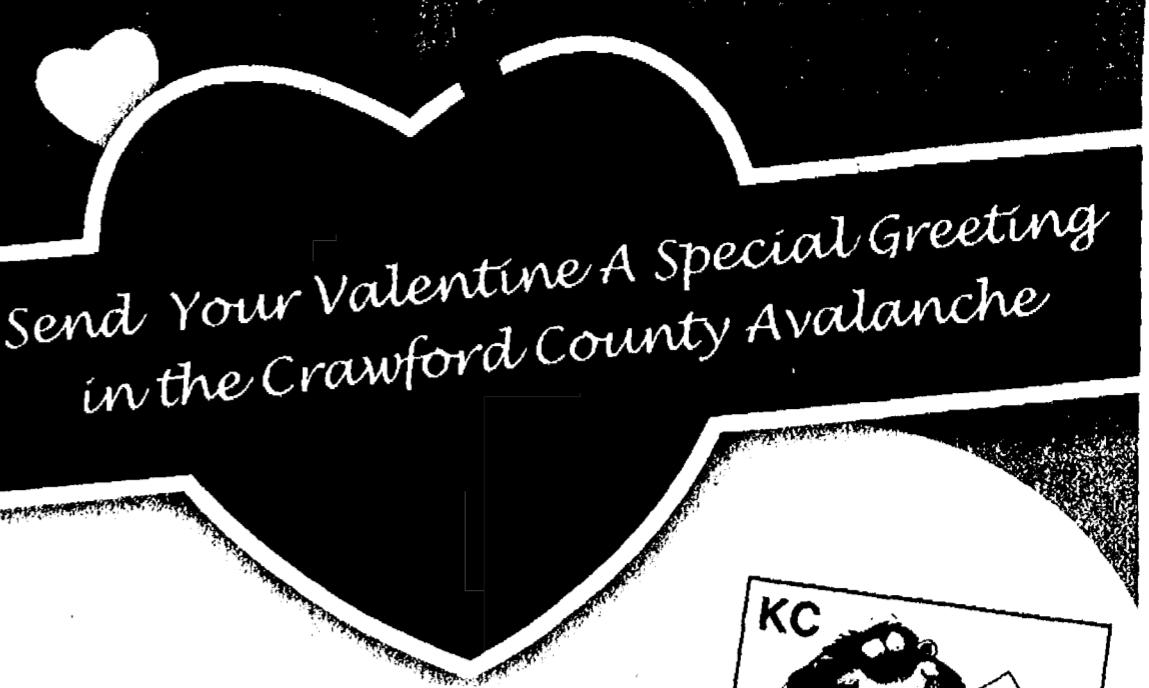
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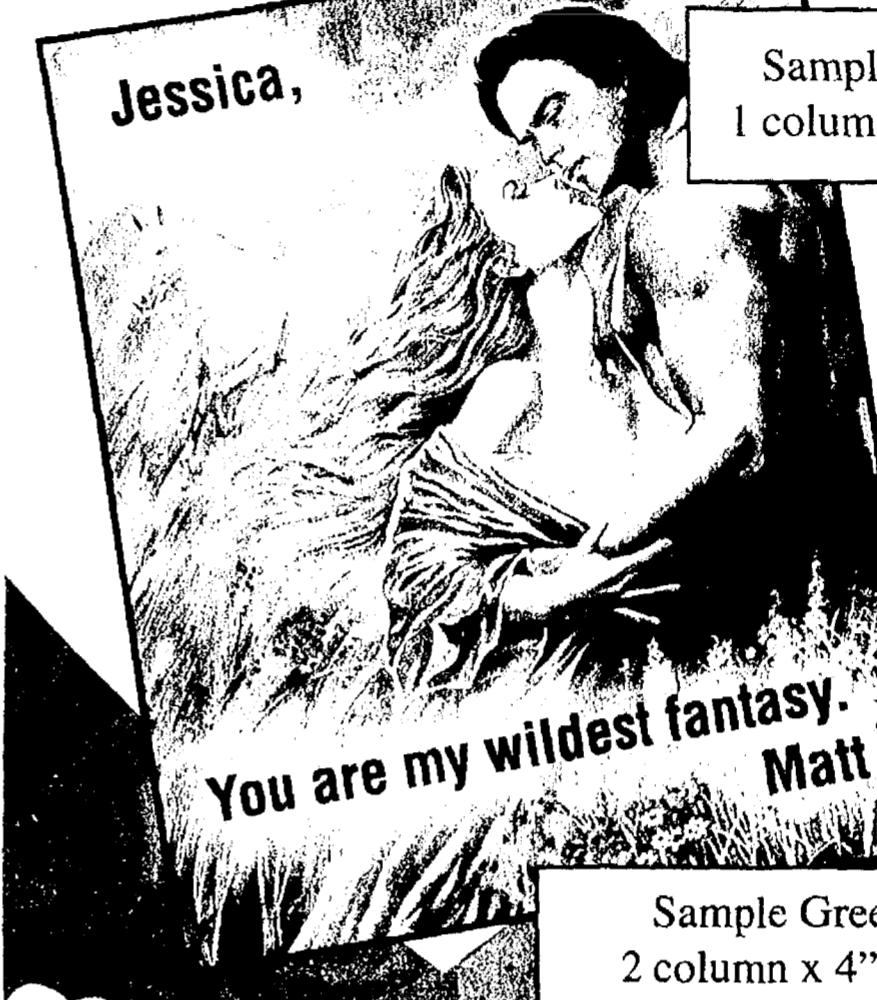
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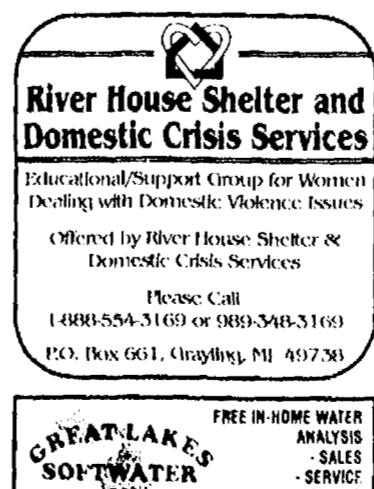
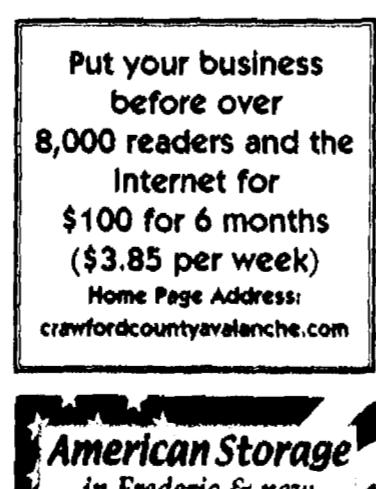
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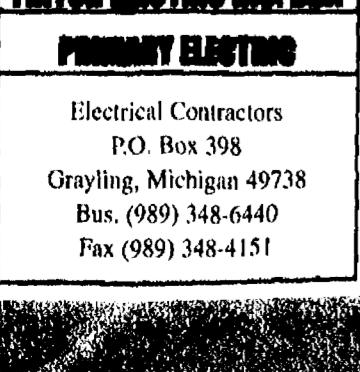
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## Military Hall of Honor to be expanded

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

When school officials decided to put up a "Military Hall of Honor" at Grayling High School (GHS) back in 2006, they had no idea just how big of a project it would be. Now that the memorial is several times bigger than originally expected, board members are looking at ways to renovate the entire project.

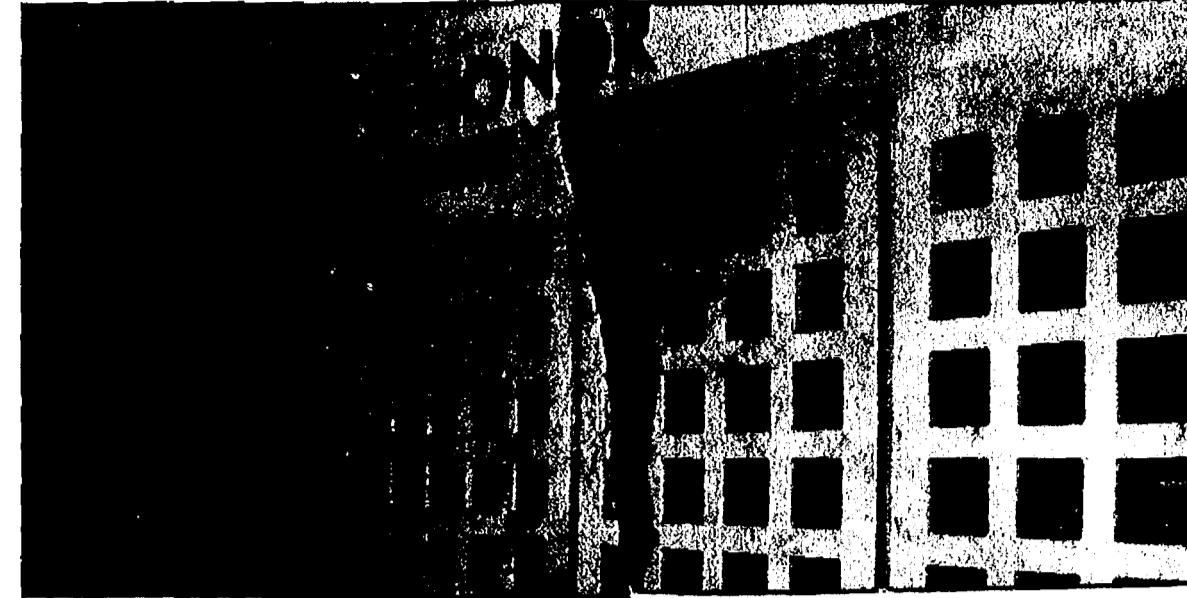
Jim Tobin, committee chair for the Military Hall of Honor, said that organizers are dedicated to keeping up with the scope of the project.

"We thought we were going to have 50 to 100 (names), but we have 550 to 600," Tobin said. "It's grown so fast so quick that we're behind right now."

The hall of honor aims to recognize every Crawford County resident who has ever joined any branch of the armed forces, even from as far back as World War I. It is not necessary for a person to have been in combat to appear on the wall, although there is a special section dedicated to men and women who were killed in action.

The names are precision engraved in blocks of wood using laser etching technology. The names are organized according to the eras in which they served.

After a big push to find new qualifying names last year, an overwhelming response caused the scope of the project to bloom unexpectedly.



A major expansion to Grayling High School's Military Hall of Honor is slated to include additional names, an easy-to-use directory and some overall design improvements. Project committee members are currently on the lookout for an engraving company that can handle the task.

"We've just been trying to catch up," Tobin said.

According to Tobin, there are about 130 names that have yet to be added to the wall.

"We want to get the rest of this up there and make it right," Tobin said.

The delay is largely connected to the etching company that was originally contracted to design the hall of honor. It is a Grand Rapids based company and one of the few places in the state that does laser etching.

After the Military Hall of Honor was initially built, the committee hired the etching company twice more to do additions and corrections. But, now the project has simply gotten too big for the Grand Rapids firm to handle.

"They just didn't have the manpower to do it," Tobin said.

This has created something of a dilemma, because project committee members have been unable to find another etching company that would be able to match the look of the work that has already been done.

"We don't want to compromise the integrity of what they did," Tobin said.

Unfortunately, the laser etching used to create the Military Hall of Honor is virtually impossible to duplicate without specific

laser technology that local etching and engraving companies just don't seem to have.

One possibility that is currently under consideration is to simply reverse the wood panels that have already been purchased and redo all the names.

In this case, the Military Hall of Honor committee might tap a local business such as Sylvester's for the project. Another advantage of using a local company is that it will be much easier to make additions or corrections.

Regardless of the path the committee chooses to take, Tobin says that mismatching styles is not an option.

"We want it perfect, of course," Tobin said.

Committee members intend to do more than just add names. There are several improvements planned for the memorial as well.

First, they want to improve the design so that historical eras are designated more clearly. Secondly, they intend to compile a written directory which will make it easier to look up and locate names on the wall.

Third, the Military Hall of Honor committee intends to place an asterisk next to the names of all persons who actually served in combat. This feature would appear in the directory as well.

The committee just launched a fund-raiser to fund the additions and improvements. Major donors will also get their name engraved on a panel.

"We don't know exactly how much money we need," Tobin said.

He said he believes that the hall of honor is a valuable resource for GHS students. It is intended to serve three purposes: to recognize Grayling residents who have served, to raise awareness of the military as a career possibility and to create historical awareness.

Superintendent Joe Powers, who also sits on the Military Hall of Honor committee, agrees that the project is valuable for students.

"I'm really, really impressed with our students' serious consideration of armed service members," Powers said.

He said GHS students are always very respectful at Veteran's Day assemblies.

"That's something I absolutely see every year, and the Military Hall of Honor is part of that," Powers said.

Tobin added that some people were concerned that students would deface the memorial. Apparently, they were wrong to underestimate GHS students.

"Nobody's touched these things," he said.

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# Fire department contract finalized after 18 months of negotiations

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City officials, however, never agreed to the fire administrative board.

The Grayling City Council held firm to their position that the Grayling Fire Department should be considered as a department of the city, and should be administered by the city manager.

Mark Clark, a Traverse City attorney representing the city in the lawsuit, said establishment of the administrative board would not be permitted under the city's ordinance to run the fire department. The only way such an authority could be established is if authority to oversee the fire department, appoint the fire chief and appoint the assistant fire chief was vested in the city manager.

The last approved contract to operate the fire department expired in June 2007.

The operating agreement, that expired between the city and the township, required the township to pay 70 percent of the operating costs for the fire department and the city to pay 30 percent of the expenses. The proposed agreement, approved by the city and the township, calls for the township to pay 60 percent of the operating costs and the city to pay 40 percent of the expenses for the next three years. Approval of the contract was retroactive, back to the start of the fire department's fiscal year on July 1, 2008.

Long noted some gains for the township in cost savings during deliberations on the contract offer last week.

"I think we're where we need to be right now," Long said. "I think we need to move forward."

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The city has agreed to assume the liability for the fire department and the fire inspector. The city has also agreed to pay for cost overruns at the end of the fire department's fiscal year.

"Along with the authority should go the responsibility," Long said.

Instead of appointing a fire board, the city council and township board will meet twice a year, or as needed, to discuss fire department policy issues, expansions of service, continuation of services and acquisition of capital equipment. That is the same language the township board put in its contract for duties that would have been carried out by the administrative fire board.

Long said the contract was not the "best deal for the township and not a win-win for either party." He added separating the fire department would be debilitating to both municipalities during the current national economic crisis.

"They dug their heels in and that's their position," Long said. "A separation of the department at this time would be devastating to both parties."

Olson protested city officials claiming the fire department is solely owned by the city, since the township has cooperated to buy fire trucks, equipment and helped build the new fire hall in the past.

"It's as much our department as it is theirs," Olson said.

The township board approved the contract over protests from Wright.

Wright said that Thayer was not familiar with the fire administrative board's past and its functions. Under the proposal, Grayling Fire

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ity, we were able to provide Christmas to 311 families. We were able to provide socks, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves.

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Chief Russ Strohpaul will report day-to-day activities to Thayer for the fire department. Thayer will serve as the liaison between the city and the township.

"I think this is an unprecedented grab for power," Wright said.

Thayer, who has been the city manager for over two years, said he attended fire authority meetings before it was disbanded and studied minutes from the meetings. He said the committee exceeded its authority and should not have had the fire chief serving on the committee.

"My opinion has always been the same," Thayer said. "The committee exceeded its authority and it did not go back to the governing bodies for things they were approving."

Wright predicted that the city and the township board would be back in court after the three-year fire department pact expires.

"Things might be fine for awhile, but in three years, we're going to be right back at it," Wright said.

Thayer said he believes the relationship between city and township officials will improve as emotions die down after the 18 months of fire department negotiations.

"I think the final product will be in the best interest of both communities and the fire department," Thayer said. "Once we've reached this point, I think we will be able to go into the future successfully. This is what consensus has mandated and what we need."

Wright said he felt the township board was not representing the citizens of Grayling Charter Township very well by agreeing to the contract.

Brooks, the former Grayling Fire Department chief, disagreed with that statement.

"We have to do something to continue providing the quality protection that we do have now," Brooks said.

Brooks also noted that city council seats for Tom Wellman and Roger Moshier are up for re-election in November. Brooks believes there will be a number of candidates challenging the incumbents for their city council positions.

"That may change the whole thing," Brooks said. "We've got to have time to get a contingency plan in place."

Thayer said that having the fire chief report to two different managers was a poor management practice.

"Nine out of the 12 players have agreed that this contract was the best option and that says something very powerful," Thayer said.

He added that improving response times to fire calls at Camp Grayling and outlying areas of Grayling Charter Township was one of the first goals officials will address.

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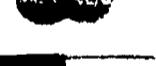
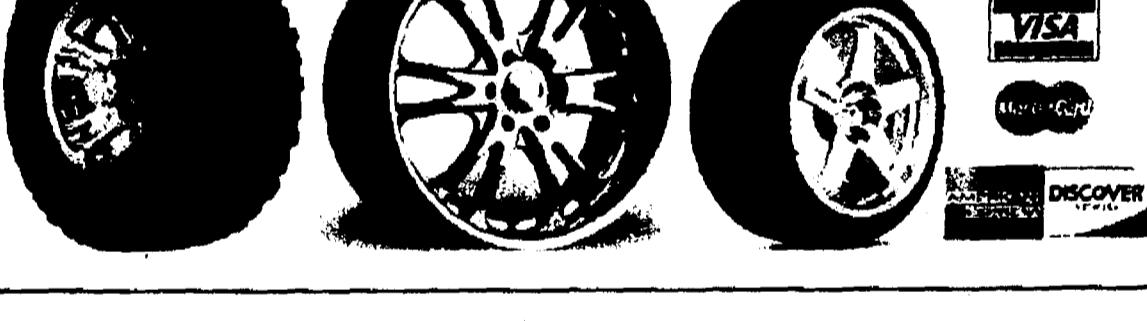
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### Build a Healthier Plate

Use a grocery list when shopping for food to help you choose more fresh vegetables, fruits and whole grains. Buy leaner meats (such as chicken, turkey and lean cuts of pork or beef such as sirloin or chuck roast) and lower fat dairy products like low-fat or non-fat (skim) milk and yogurt. Buy whole grain breads and cereals. Save money by buying less soda, sweets and chips or other snack foods. Remember that special "diabetic" or "diabetic" foods often cost extra money and may not be much healthier than simply following the suggestions given here.

Also, watch the size of your portions. You may find that you are used to eating portions that count as two or more servings. It helps to be able to "eyeball" portion sizes. Here are some guides:

- Meat, fish, and poultry: three ounces, or about the size of the palm of your hand or a deck of cards.
- Cheese: one ounce, or



There are some simple steps you can take to help you and your family eat healthier.

about the size of your thumb.

- Fresh vegetables, milk and yogurt: one cup, or about the size of a tennis ball.
- Bread: one slice.

### Easy Ways to Make Smart Food Choices

There are lots of ways you can make smart choices about your own and your family's eating habits.

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tion for those. If you start with foods you eat more frequently, then the change will pack a bigger punch."

### Shop Smart

Set aside some time to plan your weekly meals. It may seem like a hassle at first, but having a plan (and writing your grocery list with it in mind) can save you time, stress and a lot of extra trips to the store.

Stock your pantry with plenty of healthy basics, including brown rice, whole grain pasta, crackers and cereals. Remember that fresh fruits and vegetables are usually healthier than canned or frozen, but it is better to have canned or frozen fruits or vegetables than none at all. When you run out, put the items on your grocery list so you'll always have them on hand.

Shop only from your grocery list. Avoid aisles that contain foods high in calories but low in vitamins and minerals such as candy, cookies, chips and sodas. Also avoid buying items promoted at the front of the store, on the "end-cap" displays at the end of each aisle, or at the cash register. These foods are usually low in nutrition. Never shop when you are hungry and might be

tempted by less healthy food.

### Eat Smart

Keep fruits and vegetables washed and cut up for easy snacking and steaming.

Canned and frozen vegetables and fruits are healthful, quick and convenient. To cut down on the sodium in vegetables, drain and rinse canned vegetables with water before heating them. You can do the same to cut down on the added sugar in canned fruits. Better yet, buy them packed in juice.

Learn how to "Create Your Plate." When serving a meal, draw an imaginary line down the middle of your plate and another one across. Fill half of your plate with leafy greens and other vegetables. Fill one quarter with grains, like whole grain bread or pasta or brown rice. Then fill the last quarter with lean protein such as chicken or fish.

Start meals with a salad or a broth or tomato-based soup with lots of vegetables. This helps you eat more good-for-you veggies while filling you up before you get to the higher fat and calorie courses.

Make healthy snack foods easy to find in your kitchen. For example, when you get home from work or school, put some fresh carrots, grapes or pretzels out on the counter instead of having bags of chips out.

In restaurants, ask if meats can be grilled rather than fried, and request sauces and dressings on the side. Remember to choose fruit, salad, or other vegetables as side items, rather than French fries. Order a salad or soup to start and then share an entrée. Save money, and lots of calories, by skipping dessert.

Learn more about healthy eating and how it can help lower your risk for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Visit CheckUp America.org or contact the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or AskADA@diabetes.org.

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## Fees hiked to pay for court bailiffs

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took place in and outside the courtroom.

In one case, a knife was found by sheriff's deputies on a man who was involved in an abuse and neglect case and had threatened child protective case workers. In another instance, a knife and a black powder pistol were found in a leather satchel carried by a man who was also involved in an abuse and neglect case and had a history of mental health issues. The pistol did have a cylinder to hold bullets.

"He pointed out that it really wasn't a danger, but what he pulled out was a cannon," said Sgt. Randy Herman from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Burmeister added that a man was in a secured area of the courthouse looking for a judge, when 46th Circuit Court Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen directed him to an area accessible to the public. Court officials later learned that the man had beat up a co-worker and then threatened to attack a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health psychiatrist with a crowbar before being intercepted by sheriff's deputies.

"I think it's best that we look at that pretty strong right now while we're still designing it and before we get into it and then have to try to make changes," Stephenson said.

Wakefield said he has a bank of eligible part-time and seasonal employees, looking to pick up more hours, who would be eligible for the positions. He ensured the county board that bailiff deputies under his watch would be qualified to handle a firearm, would know the pertinent laws and be able to handle emergency situations.

"They're going to be able to show they can shoot a gun and know the rules, because it's my head that's on the block," Wakefield said. "This way, we take care of that."

Court, sheriff's office and county officials also plan to meet Northern Lakes Community Health administrators to determine if they can better track when a dangerous person involved with the courts has recently been hospitalized and then released under certain conditions.

Mary Jergenson, northern Michigan district representative for Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, said her office has been receiving a number of calls from distressed constituents. She cited the economy and post-traumatic stress disorder, from men and women returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as the main reasons for their stress and anxiety.

Jergenson said the mental health issues northern Michigan are currently facing underscores the need for the bailiffs if those people come into court for criminal or civil infractions.

"These people may not be on the radar screen and they're at the end of their ropes right now," she said.

## Births

Marie Salas and Travis Kann, of Oscoda, announce the birth of a son, Kaleb Lee, born at Mercy Hospital on January 17, 2009, at 11:23 a.m., weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measuring 20 inches in length.

Danielle and Thomas Felton, of Roscommon, announce the birth of their son, Morgan Joseph Ewan, born at Mercy Hospital on January 20, 2009, at 2:47 p.m., weighing 6 lbs., 8 ozs., and measuring 17 1/2 inches in length.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Rochelle Campeau would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Mercy Hospital for their excellent care during her stay in there in the ER and the ICU.

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# STUDENT SHOWCASE



By: Kody Bonamie,  
Grade 3, Mrs. Urban's  
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I Was Scared About  
Snowboarding Down my  
Big Hill

One Saturday morning I woke up and got dressed. Then I went to the bathroom. I brushed my teeth. Then I went to my mom and dad's room to see if my dad was there. But he wasn't so I got my coat on and I went into the garage and got my boots on then my hat and my gloves. So then I went outside and seen my dad shovel the snow with his tractor. He made me a snow hill. It was big. When my dad was done I asked if he could get my snowboard so he went and got it. Then he came back out and he gave it to me and I went to the hill. I climbed up the hill. But I was nervous about going down but I did it anyways. Wooo my feet slipped out of the pockets and I crashed into a tree and it hurt a little bit, not a lot.



By: Ariel Collier, Grade  
4, Mrs. Lewicki's Class

Will He Come Back?

As a tear slipped down from my soft brown cheeks I could feel the pain the teardrops coming down. My dad was moving out of the house with his bags, but I realized he wasn't going on a trip he was leaving. My heart dashed and bounced, my knees hit the cement, and my wet hands covered my face. I cried hysterical-

## January GES Writers of the Month



These third, fourth and fifth grade students were selected by their teachers as being the most outstanding writers in their classrooms for the month of January. (from left to right, front row) Lacey Morse, Alayna Cobb, Anna Fisher, Sara Piehl, Jordan Denton, Brianna Woodard, Joseph Petroskey, Christopher Baudoux, Madison Helsel, and Brett Beck; (back row) Alyssa Cobb, Sally Metiva, Sarah Pavey, Rosalyn Galvani, Trent Hickman, Jacqueline Bulmer, Jenna Shelp, Harley Root, Ariel Collier and Pauline Hardacre. (missing, Kody Bonamie)

ly!

The next day my eyes were still saggy from crying and I had black and blue patches under my eyes. I came down for breakfast and my mom wanted to talk about dad leaving. "Sweetie, I'm sorry about your dad..." "Mom I don't want to talk about it!" At the moment it was dead silence. The thought of thinking about my dad just made me want to run away. In the middle of the night, I laid wide awake looking up at the ceiling asking myself questions. They were questions I should be asking my mom. Questions like "Why did he leave? Why didn't he say good-bye?" Soon I asked myself so many questions I finally fell asleep.

The next morning when I went out the door I saw a note in big letters that said: I'm coming home. My eyes grew big, and I kept this a secret, well not for long. That night at the dinner table, my mom looked puzzled, like I knew a secret. "Ariel what's wrong? You've been looking worried lately." "No mom but what if somebody left a note that said... Ring! Ring! The phone interrupted me - "Oh don't mind that sweetie, keep going. "Well mom what if dad was coming home?" My mom looked hurt. "Well why would you say that?"

"He left a note on the door," I shot back.

My mom had on an expression that said, "Why would he come back now?" The next morning seemed to be normal, until I heard a knock at the door. Knock! Knock! I ran to the door and there was my dad. I didn't know what to do but just cry and run to hug him. "Dad why did you come back?", I said shyly. "Oh baby girl, I couldn't stay away from that pretty little face of yours, and of course your mom's either." My mom smiled and gave him a hug. Dad loved us! For now, life is good. It will remain that way until the butterflies stir up in my stomach again, and someone surprises me by stepping away from my life.



By: Easton Farrell, Grade  
4, Mrs. Baynham's Class

Personification of the  
American Flag

Thoughts of a Flag

Billing in the  
breeze, I soar in  
the sky. At full  
post I feel like  
I can fly.

On a summer  
day when there  
is no wind, I  
feel sad like I  
have just sinned.

When brisk chills  
come in the winter  
so white, when airplanes  
land on their way  
back from flight.  
I feel so happy, and  
for now good night!



By: Holly Pummell,  
Grade 4, Mrs. Baynham's  
Class

Pig Haiku

Muddy and brownish  
Snuggled closely tired and  
weak  
New baby pink pig

Curly tail so cute  
Two little holes for his nose  
Cute little pig my friend



By: Aly Robson, Grade 5,  
Mrs. Casey's Class

The Aly and Aj concert

Aly roamed across the  
stage, her arm was getting  
yanked beneath it. Fingers  
ran her palms. Her long  
blonde hair swayed as she  
began to sing.

Aj, her sister, did the  
same. I really looked up to  
them, they seemed like such  
good role models. They  
stopped singing, the room  
was quiet as a mouse.

"Okay. I know some of  
you aren't old enough, but  
I'm asking if you're at least  
eighteen, to vote." Aly  
said as she walked over to  
the center of the stage.

She adjusted the microphone  
to a lower level, when she began to play the  
piano also. This song, I had not heard before. It wasn't  
on the soundtrack.

"This song, Aj and I  
wrote on a bench in an air-  
port, when our flight was  
delayed. It was the first  
time we'd ever missed a

### SPECIAL EVENT

**Author Schedule to Visit**  
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**Johnathan Rand)**

February 6th will be a very exciting day for Grayling Elementary School! Author Johnathan Rand will be visiting the students. Johnathan Rand is the pen name used for the Chillers series; the first of which was published in 2000. Since then he has written 26 American Chillers and 14 Michigan Chillers. He has also authored 7 adult novels. He has sold more than 3 million books.

Christopher Wright attended Grayling Elementary as a 5th grader and graduated from Grayling High School. He was inducted into the Grayling High School's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2005. Chris sponsors a writers' camp for kids called Author Quest in the summer. He and his wife Boots live in Topinabee where he owns Chillermania.

In addition to visiting and presenting to the students in the afternoon, Chris will be videotaping ads for the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter featuring some of our GE students. He and his wife are very active volunteering their time for the shelter.

Students will be receiving flyers where they may order books, which will be autographed by the author the day of his visit.

Questions can be directed to Karen Coe in the Media Center.

concert. So, to make it up to the people who went to the canceled concert, we wrote this song." Aly began singing after that, but I didn't quite catch the words, she was too quiet.

I stood up to identify the girls screaming, drowning Aly and Aj's beautiful voices... the row ahead of me.

Even just the lip read of Aly's mouth made the song seem genius. It was like she knew exactly what to say, and when to say it.

I thought for a moment. Was it "the thought that counts, or the lyrics I couldn't hear" that inspired me? She did inspire me. How many people write a song to make up to their fans?

Just then, I realized something else. Aly doesn't put an act on for the camera. So, I really liked the real Aly, not who she pretended to be.

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The AuSable Shrine Club of Grayling recently provided tickets and lunch to 52 Grayling Elementary School fifth graders and 15 adults so they could attend the annual Shrine Circus outing at the Dow Center in Saginaw. The Crawford AuSable School District supplied a driver and school bus to transport the group to the event. This was the 63rd year that the fifth graders from Grayling Elementary School participated in the circus outing. Above, some youngsters ride an elephant at the circus.

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## Recreation fees increased

For the first time in over a decade, recreation fees were raised on the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Effective Jan. 1, 2009, fee hikes occurred at 66 sites and fees were eliminated at three others. Recreation fees are collected for use of Forest Service campgrounds, picnic sites, boat access sites and trailheads. Annual recreation passes now cost \$30, or two for \$45 per household. Weekly passes increased to \$15 and daily passes increased to \$5.

Campsites fees range from \$10 to \$15 per night, according to site-specific developments and amenities. Each campsite fee covers two vehicles, eight people and two sleeping units. Group camping fees range from \$40 to \$100 per night, depending on group size.

Within the AuSable River Corridor, camping is permitted at 102 individually designated single-family campsites along a 55-mile stretch of shoreline and bluffs within Alcona and Iosco Counties. Camping

reservations and a nightly camping fee of \$10 are required between May 15 and Sept. 30. Reservations may be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by telephone at 877-444-6777.

Kirtland's Warbler Guided Tours continue to be an international tourist attraction on the Huron National Forest, as the jack pine habitat in northern Michigan is the only place in the world where this endangered bird nests. Guided tours start and end at the Mio Ranger District Office for a fee of \$10 for adults, with children age 17 and under free.

Fees were increased to align national forest costs with those charged by private entities for similar recreation opportunities. Inflation, increased maintenance costs, additional amenities and/or greater capacity also led to the fee hikes.

The Huron-Manistee National Forests operate and maintain 174 developed recreation sites in

Michigan's Lower Peninsula. No fees are required at 72 sites, 28 are operated by concessionaires and another eight are slated for decommissioning with conversion to free dispersed sites.

In addition to passes issued by the Huron-Manistee National Forests, recreationists may obtain Interagency Passes which allow the cardholder and up to three accompanying passengers entry into a number of federally-managed recreational sites. Those who have attained 62 years of age are eligible for a senior pass for a one-time cost of \$10 which allows free day use and 50 percent discount off camping fees. Those with a qualifying permanent disability may be eligible to obtain an Access Interagency pass at no charge.

Recreation passes may be purchased by mail or in person at any of the five forest offices in Mio, Oscoda, Baldwin, Manistee or Cadillac.

## Honors

### Michigan Technological University

Michigan Tech honored the achievements of approximately 300 graduates Saturday, Dec. 13, at Midyear Commencement. A total of 260 undergraduate degrees, 27 master's degrees and 16 PhD degrees were awarded.

Among the graduates from the Grayling area were Daniel J. Hagerman, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and Michael P. Latusek, Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering, and the graduate from Roscommon was Margaret E. Scow, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering.

and Jack W. Hagerman, Associate in Applied Science in Civil Engineering Technology.

The graduates from Frederic were Darryl P. Babbitt, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and Michael P. Latusek, Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering, and the graduate from Roscommon was Margaret E. Scow, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering.

### Ferris State University

James R. Boylan, of Grayling, earned a position on the Dean's List at Ferris State University for the Fall 2008 semester.

### Albion College

Jennifer Emmons, of Grayling, was named to the Albion College dean's list for the fall 2008 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. This GPA must be based on at least three units in graded courses and a minimum of four units completed.

She is a senior majoring in biology and minoring in anthropology. She is the daughter of Jeffrey and Nadine Emmons of Grayling and a graduate of Grayling High School.

## MEA helps community

The M.A.T.E.S. Employee Association (MEA) held a holiday meal on Dec. 11 that benefited the Crawford County Community Christian Help Center (CCCCHC). The menu was "potluck" style with meal contributions made by the employees and members of the community.

MEA raised \$275, from the meal, 50/50 raffle and a turkey and ham raffle, that all went to the CCCCHC. The MEA bought \$300 in toys and collected an additional 40 toys for the Toys for Tots program.

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# Home schooling remains popular in Crawford County

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable Schools draw headlines on a weekly basis about their sports programs and other extra-curricular activities. Meanwhile, there is a fairly large community of students in this county who go virtually unnoticed. Home schooling is an area trend that has been going strong for around two decades.

"I think it's as popular now as it was in the '90s," said Grayling home schooling parent Allen Lowe.

And, just how popular is that? It's hard to say. Although home school families are encouraged to register with the school district, it is not required. There is currently only one home school family in the county that is officially registered with the Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw and Roscommon (COOR) Intermediate School District.

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Joe Powers says that the number of home schooled students studying in Crawford County has probably remained fairly consistent since the home schooling boom kicked off nationwide in the early 1990s.

"There's still a certain contingency of people who home school for a variety of reasons," Powers said. "I don't feel like there's been a massive change one way or another."

Lowe's wife, Mary Ruth, shares the responsibility of teaching their 14-year-old son Lucas with her husband. She reports that there are 18 families from Crawford and neighboring counties who are part of a home school group that regularly gets together for shared lessons. Lowe said he is certain that there are other home school families in the area who are not involved in the group.

So, why do they do it? According to a 2003 U.S. Census report, the most frequent reasons for home schooling are religious factors and the belief that parents can provide a better education at home:

"We thought that it was the way that he can get the best education," said Lowe.

Lowe teaches his son math and science while his wife handles English and social studies instruction. Like any other student, Lucas takes tests and quizzes on a regular basis to make sure he's on track.

Lowe pointed out that there is a lot of help available to home school parents in the form of professionally developed and even college accredited home curriculum.

"There are more and more home school families, which means there's more incentive for companies to develop curriculum," Lowe said.

He and his wife do not use one specific program, but rather pick and choose course material according to what they think will be best for their son. Lowe said that the ability to customize the individual learning experience is what can give home schooling an edge.

"We use whatever best fits his needs subject by

subject," he said.

Lucas has three older siblings who have already completed home school programs and are now living in the adult world.

"They've all done well," said Lowe.

Susy Grougan, a Grayling resident who home schooled her two children, said she chose to teach at home because she wanted certain Christian values to be emphasized throughout the learning experience. She made it clear that "brainwashing" was not part of the plan.

"I didn't want my kids to be clones of me. I wanted them to make their own decisions," Grougan said. "There really is no such thing as a value free education."

Grougan said that, as a home school parent, she felt that formal academic learning should be just one part of her kids' daily growth.

"What I as a home schooler hoped to teach my children was to think for themselves," she said.

Nevertheless, when it came time for Grougan's kids to take college entrance exams, they were no slouches in the purely academic department.

"When it comes to taking standardized tests, they placed in the top five percent," Grougan said.

Although Lowe and Grougan attest that home schooling is academically sound, there is still the question of socialization. Critics of home schooling often argue that home taught kids are not exposed to the proper socialization necessary to adjust to life in the adult world.

Both local home school parents feel that this argument is misguided.

"I believe that socialization is helping children to be comfortable in any situation they find themselves in," Grougan said. "You become like the people you hang with ... there is negative socialization as well as positive socialization."

She pointed out that much of the bullying and peer pressure that sometimes appears in public schools generally does not exist in the adult world.

Both parents agree that home schooled children will inevitably spend plenty of time interacting with other kids.

"Unless you tie your kids up and leave them in the basement ... they become social," Grougan said. "With the resources that are available today, kids are around other kids all the time."

Lowe's son Lucas is involved in several local youth activities, including a youth soccer league at Hanson Hills.

Despite these arguments, not everyone agrees that home schooling is without social repercussions.

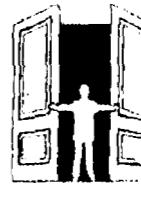
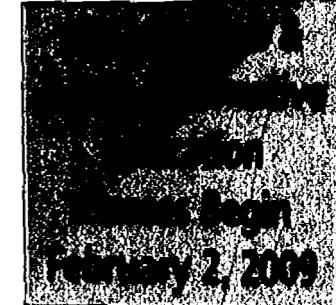
Grougan's adult daughter, Kate Watrous, is now married and currently resides in Louisiana. She was home schooled until 12th grade, when she decided to finish her high school education at Grayling High School. She said it was not an easy transition.

"I really didn't like the social aspect," Watrous said. "It puts you in a really awkward position."

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## Board considers piggybacking projects with county building plans

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wall bench will be placed where the American Legion Monument for Veterans and the American Flag are located. The parking lot will be landscaped with trees and shrubs and lighting similar to the City of Grayling Downtown Development Authority streetscape project.

In 2003, the county's building authority obtained a Department of Agriculture loan to install an elevator in the building. Those funds were returned since county officials were studying potentially moving county offices to another site.

County officials have been fearing for years that a lawsuit would be filed by a handicapped person who could not access offices or services in the building. Last week, commissioners said they have studied the issue long enough and are ready to proceed with the building expansion slated to start in June.

"I don't think we have a choice," Commissioner Terry Beardslee said. "It's either pay me now or pay me later."

County officials, however, will wait a couple of weeks on starting the process of obtaining bond financing for the project.

Funds, that will be freed up from an expansion of the Crawford County Jail which was completed in 1996 and the installation of new heating and cooling units for the building, have

been earmarked by county commissioners to pay for the building improvements. The last bond payment for the jail expansion will be made this year.

Additional funding projects county officials are studying include finding a new home for District Health Department #10, which is located at 201 Meadows Drive, and the relocation of the Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center.

The health department is cramped into 2,000 square feet of space and needs about double that size to adequately provide services. County officials have studied the Grayling Professional Building located across from the current Health Department. That option has been ruled unfeasible because an elevator would need to be installed for the handicapped and the county would have to lease unused space to other business professionals.

"We don't have a tremendous amount of time to be doing our homework to determine who we can be leasing building space out to," Chairman Dave Stephenson said.

The former Keyport Clinic was also considered,

but was determined too costly due to asbestos in the building, Compo said. County officials also considered moving to Dr. Ralph Oppermann's current office once he moves to his new dental facilities located on Michigan Avenue. Officials estimated the available space would be about the same amount of space as the current health department.

Over the last 16 months, the Crawford County Commission on Aging has pared down a list of a half dozen possible new sites for the Grayling Senior Center to a pair of options.

Relocating to the Grayling Fish Hatchery, in a joint venture with the Grayling Fish Hatchery Steering Committee, remains a viable option.

The other possibility is building a new senior center

from the ground up. One of the potential locations for the senior center is on just over four acres of property owned by the Carl W. Borchers VFW Post #3736 on Madsen Street. The land was donated to the veterans organization by the late Beth Seator. The other property, also just over four acres, is located at the intersection of Roberts Road and North Down River Road. The land was sold to Crawford County when the State of Michigan sold the Grayling Fish Hatchery property in 1995. The county subsequently leased the land to Grayling Charter Township.

Compo threw out the idea that the health department and the senior center could be located under one roof.

Commissioners Rick Anderson and Mike Lange agreed that too much money in Michigan Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Department of Agriculture funds have been poured into the fish hatchery grounds and building to turn away from it now.

"We're way beyond the point of tearing it down," said Lange, who also serves on the COA board.

Adding both projects would mean the county would seek to issue about \$3.5 million in bonds to pay for the courthouse, health department and senior center projects.

Seeking more funding may gain a better interest rate for the bonds and allow the county to pay off the bonds over a greater number of years to fit the payments within the county's budget.

While getting more bang for their buck, going for additional financing may drive more opposition in the community against the bond financing since having the senior center at the fish hatchery is not popular with some seniors.

One of the main provisions of going for the bonding is a 45-day referendum period. If 10 percent of the registered voters gather enough signatures to protest the bonding, a vote on approval of the

"It would be a real wrench thrown into the process if we didn't authorize enough in bonds when we open up the bids," Compo said.

Commissioners Shelly Pinkelman and Scott Hanson stressed that they would need firm budget numbers and plans to consider the bonding for one or all three county agencies, in order to explain financing to their constituents.

"Before we vote on it, it would just have to be locked and cocked," Hanson said.

## Military News

Air Force Airman Jorden J. Wakeley graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, military customs and courtesies, and he performed drill and ceremony marches, received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree, relating through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Todd and Michelle Wakeley of Grayling and a 2008 graduate of Grayling High School.

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Jake Aubry, left, dribbles the ball for Grayling during Tuesday's game against the Houghton Lake Bobcats. Spencer Dean, right, drives to the basket on Thursday vs. Kalkaska.

## Put-back, blocked shot in final seconds win it for GHS

### Varsity basketball squad edges HL 50-49

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Two key plays by Grayling in the final seconds of last Tuesday's varsity boys basketball contest vs. Houghton Lake — a put-back to take the lead and a blocked shot to preserve it — helped give the Vikings a 50-49 victory over the visiting Bobcats.

Tuesday night's game was close throughout the night. Houghton Lake led by one, 26-25, at halftime. Grayling took a one-point advantage into the fourth quarter, 37-36.

The Vikings scored the first two points of the fourth period with a lay-up by

Trent Larm. A jump shot by Houghton Lake cut Grayling's lead back to one. At the 4:44 mark, Grayling scored two points with a put-back by Alex Gabriel.

The Bobcats hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 41-41 with 3:56 remaining in regulation.

A jump shot by Larm and a put-back by Colin Hamlin gave Grayling a 45-41 lead with 2:36 left in the fourth quarter. Houghton Lake scored two points on a put-back, got the ball back, and hit a three-pointer to take a 46-45 lead, with 1:57 remaining.

An inside shot by Tyler Steffey at the 1:21 mark gave GHS a 47-46 advan-

tage. With 35 seconds left in the contest, the Bobcats took the lead with an inside shot.

Houghton Lake fouled Steffey at the 0:23 mark. He hit the second of two free throw attempts to tie the game at 48-48.

The Vikings fouled Houghton Lake with 16 seconds left in the contest. The Bobcats missed the first free throw and made the second one, giving Houghton Lake a 49-48 lead.

In the final seconds, Spencer Dean scored a put-back to give Grayling a 50-49 advantage. After the shot, the officials adjusted the time remaining to 0:04.7, giving Houghton Lake one

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last chance with the ball with just under five seconds remaining in the fourth period. The Bobcats successfully got the ball in bounds. The ball carrier drove the length of the court and went up for a lay-up just before time expired. Steffey made a leaping block on the shot attempt and stuffed it, ending the game. Grayling held on for a 50-49 victory.

"This was a great game from a spectator's point of view. Our team played very well in spurts tonight. I thought that we played with a lot of energy at the end of the game. Houghton Lake has a group of blue collar kids and it was a good

## Varsity girls win 46-36 at Harbor Springs

### Bobcats pull away in 2nd half of Monday's 58-38 loss

The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 46-36 in a varsity girls basketball league game held at Harbor Springs on Friday night.

Grayling led 13-6 after one quarter. The Vikings had a 24-18 lead at halftime and a 34-22 advantage going into the fourth period.

"This was a big conference win for us on the road at Harbor Springs," Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "Ashley Feldhauser came out shooting and scored a season-high 14 points. As a team, we made 15 free throws, which allowed us to hang on to the lead late in the fourth quarter."

On Monday night, the Vikings lost a nonconference game at Houghton Lake by a final score of 58-38. The Bobcats led by five, 25-20, at halftime and pulled away in the second half. Houghton Lake outscored Grayling 21-8 in the third quarter and 33-18 in the second half.

Grayling (3-8 overall, 2-3 league) will play at Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, Jan. 29.



Photo by Caleb Casey

Teanna Zigila handles the ball for the Vikings on Monday night at Houghton Lake.



Hannah Smith won the giant slalom competition last week at the Bellaire Invitational.

## Ski teams place 1st, 2nd at Bellaire meet

### Hannah Smith wins giant slalom title for girls team

Grayling High School's varsity ski teams finished first (girls) and second (boys) during last week's Bellaire Invitational — a meet held at Schuss Mountain.

In the boys competition, Harrison finished first with

## JV boys basketball squad edges Kalkaska 61-59 in overtime

### Vikings win 63-57 vs. Houghton Lake on Tuesday

The Grayling Vikings edged the Kalkaska Blazers 61-59 in a junior varsity boys basketball contest played at GHS last Thursday.

Kalkaska led 16-9 after one quarter. The Vikings

had a 27-26 lead at halftime. Kalkaska took a 42-37 advantage into the fourth period. At the end of regulation, the score was tied at 53-53.

"Physically, we dominated this game. We had two

players — Jake Helsel and Griffin Dean — with double-doubles in points and rebounds. Ethan Lewis was one rebound away from a double-double. We shot 43 free throws and could get to the rim anytime we wanted to," Coach Kucharek said. "If we shot better from the free-throw line, this game would not have gone to overtime. Most teams who shoot 43 free throws in a game will win.

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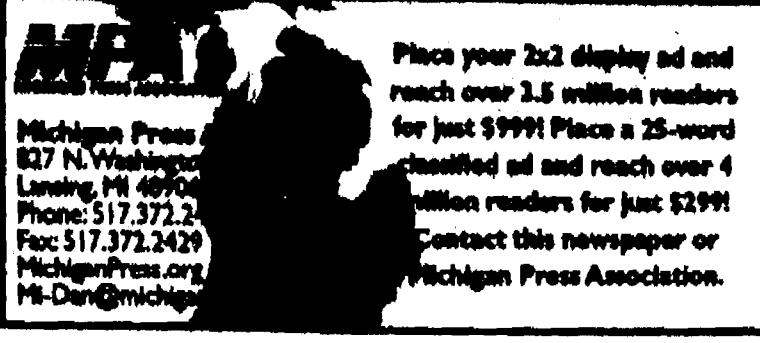


Jensen Aubry, left, drives to the basket and draws a foul during Tuesday night's game vs. Houghton Lake. Zane Tobin, right, passes the ball on Tuesday during the JV game.



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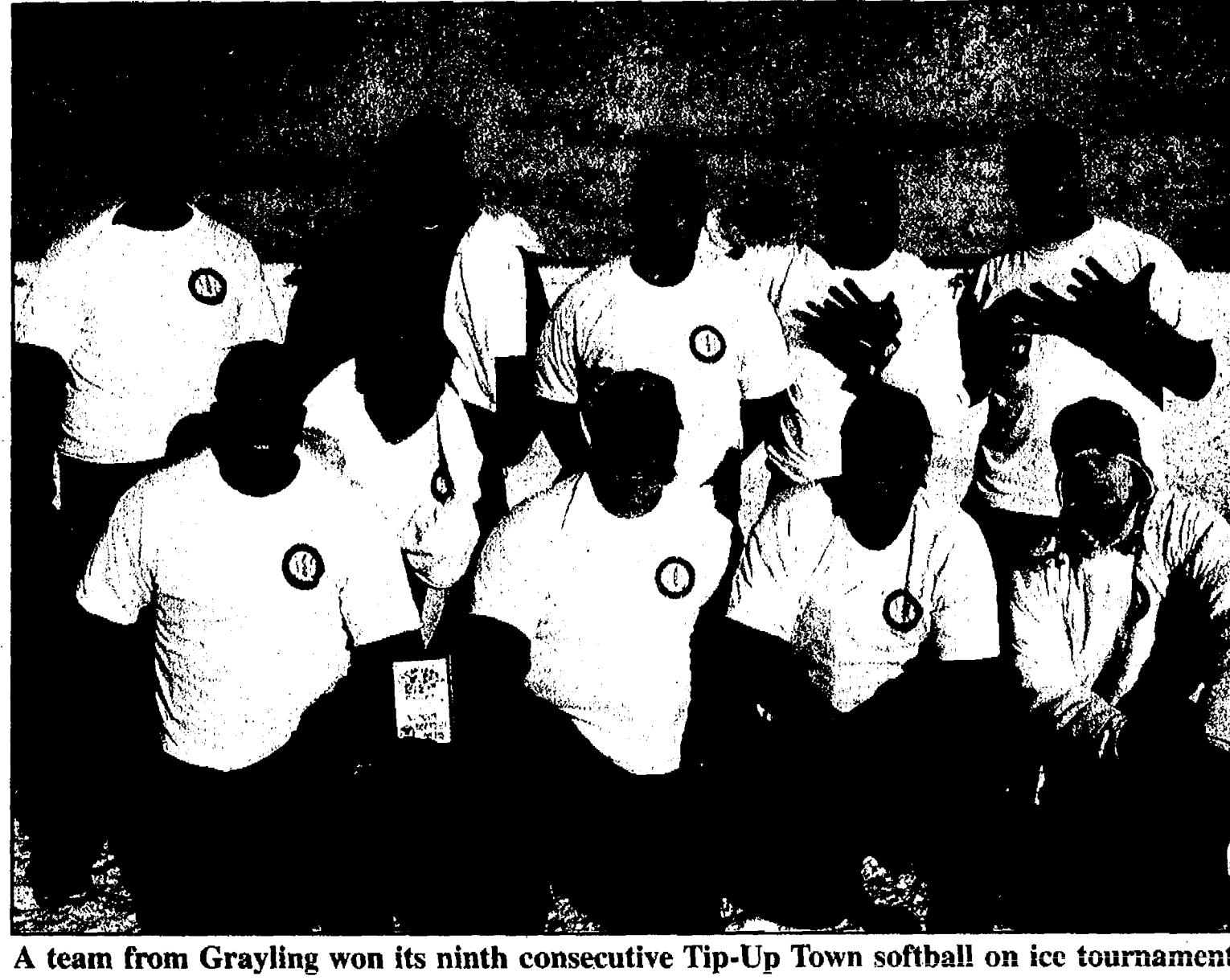
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## Local team wins 9th Tip-Up Town softball title



A team from Grayling won its ninth consecutive Tip-Up Town softball on ice tournament championship this past weekend. The squad, sponsored by RV Doctor of Grayling, posted a 4-1 record in the double elimination tournament, which was held on Saturday, Jan. 24, on the ice of Houghton Lake. The team: (front, L to R) Ryan Swope, Darrell Metzer, Joe St. John, Dale Metzer, Caleb Casey; (back, L to R) Mark Burk, Troy McDonald, Tommy Pratt, DJ Metzer, Jeremy Latuszek.

## Wrestling team wins two league matches at Charlevoix

### Vikings win seven medals at Ithaca on Saturday

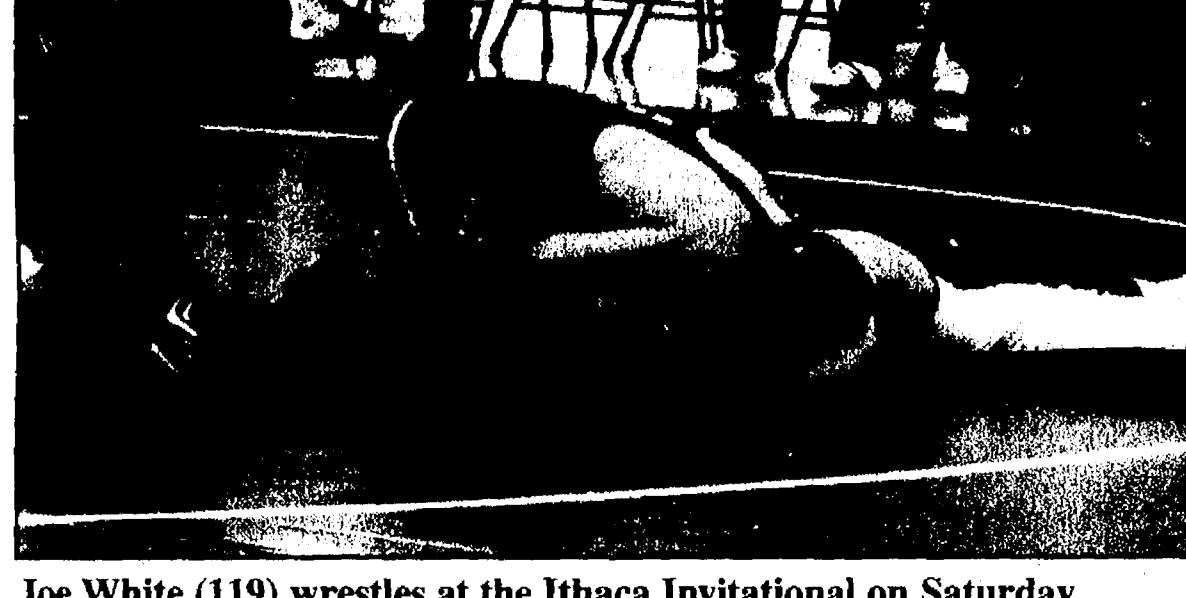
The GHS wrestling team  
won two league matches in  
a meet held at Charlevoix  
High School on Thursday  
afternoon.

The Vikings defeated  
Charlevoix by a final score  
of 57-15. Grayling  
outscored Traverse City St.  
Francis 66-15.

On Saturday, the Vikings  
competed in "one of (their)  
toughest tournaments" of  
the year - the Ithaca  
Invitational. The event  
included 16 teams.  
Grayling finished ninth.

Seven Vikings earned  
medals at Saturday's tour-  
nament: Joe White (119),  
4th; Will Fowler (135), 5th;  
Josh Moggo (140), 4th;  
Cody Collen (145), 6th  
(was injured in his third  
match and forfeited his  
remaining matches); Shane  
Grove (171), 6th; Matt  
Townsend (215), 5th; Kyle  
Peters (heavyweight), 5th.

The wrestling team will  
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Joe White (119) wrestles at the Ithaca Invitational on Saturday.



Olivia Peters (125) tries for a pin on Saturday at Ithaca.

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# JV girls basketball squad falls to HL, Harbor Springs

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball squad lost to Houghton Lake and Harbor Springs in road games played last Monday and Friday, respectively.

On Monday night, the Vikings lost 57-32 at Houghton Lake.

"We had a rough first quarter. Getting down 14-5 is not a good thing for us, since we struggle scoring. Kirstie Wakeley, who has been leading us in scoring and has been a very good all-around player for us, went down with an ankle injury in the first minute. The girls struggled against the press and turned the ball over several times," Coach Craig Hofman said.

"The rest of the game went much better. We competed strongly in the last three quarters, but could not come back from the early deficit. The girls were down almost 20 points, but kept fighting back and forced Houghton Lake to put its starters back in with four minutes left in the fourth quarter. We gave up a lot of late fourth quarter points while I was trying to get some girls more playing time," Coach Hofman said. "I was able to get a lot of girls time and they all responded well and stepped



Photo by Caleb Casey

**Rebecca Money dribbles the ball for the Vikings on Monday night.**

Leading scorers for the Vikings included: Shalee Miller, 13 points, 3 assists, 2 steals; Ann Hamlin, 12 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals; Haley Wiseman, 4 points, 2 steals, 3 rebounds; Hali Miller, 6 rebounds; Ashley Jensen, 2 points, 4 rebounds; Carlie Money, 1 point, 2 steals, 1 rebound; Rebecca Money, 4 steals, 2 rebounds.

On Friday night, the Vikings fell 49-18 at Harbor Springs.

"We had a tough week, losing two players to injury and two big losses to teams we should compete with. We just looked like we had

little energy and forgot everything we learned in the last three months. It was just a struggle all night for everyone. The girls played hard, but did not play well. We struggled putting the ball in the basket all game, especially in the first half. Defensively, we did well in the first half, only giving up 14 points, but in the second half we allowed 35 points off of a lot of turnovers. Having to take chances on our press also allowed Harbor Springs to get easy baskets. The girls need to refocus and we will start that on Monday and work

hard to get back to being competitive in all of our games," Coach Hofman said.

Grayling's leading scorers were: Hamlin, 7 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals; Chloe Harwood, 2 points, 2 steals, 1 rebound; Jennifer Lester, 2 points; Miller, 2 points, 1 rebound; Money, 2 points, 4 steals, 2 rebounds; R. Money, 5 steals, 4 rebounds; Wiseman, 2 points; Miller, 2 points, 4 rebounds; Katlyn Nye, 3 rebounds.

Grayling (3-8 overall, 1-4 league) will play at Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, Jan. 29.

## GMS Girls Basketball

**8th grade** - Grayling Middle School's 8th grade girls basketball squad opened its season last week with victories vs. Gaylord and Harbor Springs.

On Wednesday, the Vikings defeated Harbor Springs 35-4 in a game played at GMS.

Leading scorers for the Vikings were: Alyssa Morley, 10 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals; Jo Hamlin, 10 points, 10 rebounds; Caitlin Prosser, 7 points, 10 rebounds, 2 blocks, 1 steal; Hannah Haven, 4 points, 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals; Danielle Dami, 2 points, 10 rebounds, 1 steal; Maddie Benardo, 2 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist; Carly Dunckley, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 steals.

"The girls played great tonight. The girls played excellent high intensity defense the entire game. They kept up the pressure and hustle even when they were getting a little beat up by the other team. They played unselfish team basketball and made excellent decisions," Coach McGuire said.

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"The girls played great team basketball tonight. We had tremendous defense that helped create a lot of our offense. Every single girl on the floor showed tremendous hustle and effort for the entire game. I am very proud of them," Coach Sarah McGuire said.

The Vikings defeated Gaylord 39-0 on Thursday night at Gaylord.

## Grayling Youth Wrestling Club

Twenty-three members of the Grayling Youth Wrestling Club finished in the top four during a meet at West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Saturday, Jan. 24.

"The kids wrestled well and showed improvement," Coach Larry Duvall said. "There were some matches that were close and went three full periods. In these matches earlier in the year, our kids lost in the first period and now they're making it to the third period. This shows how hard they have worked and the amount they have improved."

Placements included: Gavin Dannenburg, 2nd; Deacon Myers, 4th; Travis Phipps, 3rd; Isaiah Briseno, 1st; David Burr, 3rd; Eli Bindschatel, 4th; Conner Brill, 4th; Tim Burr, 2nd; Ashdon Terrien, 1st; Kaden Brigham, 2nd; Devin Joseph, 2nd; Jonathan Martin, 3rd; Michael Phipps, 1st; Zack Cheney, 3rd; Aaron Hagle, 2nd; Daniel Schultz, 4th; Tandy Mitchell, 4th; Gage Toomey, 3rd; Jeff Enos, 2nd; Zachary Mack, 1st; Jeff Myers, 3rd; Kyle Schmidt, 3rd; Brandon Handrich, 1st.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, the team wrestled at Gladwin.

"We placed 27 of 36 kids at the Gladwin meet," Coach Duvall said. "Each week the kids show improvement in their

ties on the offensive end. The whole team played good team defense. The (team) shut out the Rams for the first three quarters of the game."

Offensively, it was a balanced attack, with six different girls scoring in the contest: Cierra Prosser (6), Marilyn Jankowski (6), Emily Leslie (2), Tara Pummell (2), Makayla Cragg (2), Victoria Doster (2).

The Vikings defeated Gaylord 24-17 on Thursday.

The Vikings jumped out to an 8-0 lead. Grayling had an 8-4 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Grayling led 12-8 at halftime. Gaylord played tough defense in the third quarter and cut Grayling's lead to 12-11.

"We changed our defense and when we executed it correctly we caused many turnovers and got some quick points," Coach Pummell said.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Jankowski (12), Doster (4), Prosser (4), Meagan Malm (4), Pummell (2).

"The team played well for being the first two games of

wrestling skills."

Placements included: Mason Crandall, 2nd; Gavin Dannenburg, 1st; Zachary Duncan, 1st; Travis Phipps, 2nd; Isaiah Briseno, 1st; David Burr, 4th; Parker Dole, 3rd; Jacob Kolka, 3rd; Tim Burr, 1st; Jensyn Moggo, 4th; Ashdon Terrien, 2nd; Kaden Brigham, 2nd; Fred Fisher, 4th; Devin Joseph, 3rd; Jonathan Martin, 2nd; Michael Phipps, 2nd; Zack Cheney, 4th; Aaron Hagle, 2nd; Zachary Joseph, 2nd; Spencer Kent, 4th; Tandy Mitchell, 3rd; Gage Toomey, 4th; Ty Jensen, 3rd; Zachary Mack, 3rd; Jeff Myers, 4th; Kyle Schmidt, 1st; Brandon Handrich, 1st.

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Start out at Swamp II & take a leisure ride to the other hosts establishments, and at the Ole Barn for dinner, dancing, prizes & fun!

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Questions - contact Mary Becker @ 877-669-0782 / 586-731-6803 or email Mary @ marybecker@yahoo.com

The Shelter is not a county funded organization.  
Donations are greatly appreciated - even if you can't make the event.  
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Pre-registration is advised & appreciated so meals can be planned.  
Send to: AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, PO Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE & EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**\$25.00 PER PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MONEY ORDER** \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make payable to: AuSable Valley Animal Shelter or AVAS. Phone # 989-348-1429 Cheryll

## Pool League

**Women's Standings**  
Frederic Inn ..... 126  
Ramada II ..... 97

Gray Rock ..... 85  
Ramada I ..... 48  
5 Ball Run: Sis and Rose (Frederic Inn), Jill (Ramada I) and Angie (Gray Rock).



# Put-back, blocked shot in final seconds win it for GHS

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game," Coach Rich Moffit said.

"Spencer Dean hit a big shot with 4.7 seconds left. Tyler Steffey's block on Andrew Holmes at the end of the game was incredible," Coach Moffit said. "Our role players have done a really nice job coming off the bench. They have provided energy and enthusiasm to our team."

Larm had 14 points for GHS. Hamlin had eight

points, four assists, and three steals. Dean had seven points and six rebounds. Eric Ferrigan had eight points and five steals. Gabriel had four points and 10 rebounds. Steffey had five points, 11 rebounds, and five blocks.

On Thursday night, the Vikings ended up on the wrong end of a last second game-winning shot during a 63-60 loss vs. the visiting Kalkaska Blazers.

Grayling led 28-27 at halftime during Thursday's Lake Michigan Conference game against Kalkaska. The Vikings took a 48-43 advantage into the fourth period.

Kalkaska scored the first two points of the fourth quarter. Two free throws by Grayling gave the Vikings a 50-45 lead. A jump shot by Eric Ferrigan put Grayling's lead at seven, 52-45.

The Blazers scored seven unanswered points in the next 1:31 of clock time to tie the game at 52-52. A jump shot by Larm gave the Vikings a two-point edge. In the next two minutes, Kalkaska scored three baskets to lead 58-54 with 2:06 remaining.

Grayling turned the ball

over with a travelling violation. Kalkaska missed a shot and Steffey came down with the rebound. Gabriel scored a put-back on the possession to cut Kalkaska's lead to two, 58-56, with 1:03 left in the game.

Grayling fouled and Kalkaska missed the resulting free throw opportunity. A Kalkaska foul on the rebound put Steffey at the line for two shots. He converted both free throws, tying the contest at 58-58.

Kalkaska scored a jump shot at the 0:36 mark to lead by two. Grayling tied the score with a jump shot by Steffey.

With approximately two seconds left in regulation, the Blazers hit a three-pointer. Grayling got its long inbounds pass in play, but the Vikings failed to get off a potential game-tying three-point shot before time expired. Kalkaska won 63-60.

"This was a hard fought game from the start," Coach Moffit said. "We had too many turnovers in this game and that played a factor in our loss."

"On the positive side, I liked the aggressiveness by



Photo by Caleb Casey

**Steven Enos sets up for a three-point shot vs. Houghton Lake on Tuesday.**

Tyler Steffey on his drive to tie up the game at 60. Al Gabriel had a solid game for us with 11 points and eight boards. Steffey is improving daily, evidenced by his 14-point, nine-board game. Spencer Dean also played solid on the glass," Coach Moffit said. "We will learn from our mistakes and improve."

Leading scorers for GHS included Steffey (14), Larm (11), Gabriel (11), and Dean (9). Leading rebounders were Dean (10), Steffey (9), and Gabriel (8). Hamlin had eight assists.

Grayling (4-3 overall, 3-2 league) will play at Boyne City on Friday, Jan. 30.

More photos from this contest and other GHS games and meets are available on the Internet at [www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com). Use one of the "Photo Archive" links, then click on "Sports & Recreation" and "Grayling High School Sports."

# Ski teams place 1st, 2nd at Bellaire

**Continued from 1B**

slalom (GS). Brady Coe was sixth in slalom and seventh in GS. Matt Hilbrecht placed ninth in slalom and fourth in GS. Peter Alexander took eighth in GS. Matt Dunckel was 12th in slalom.

Grayling's girls team - led by Hannah Smith, who finished first in GS and fourth in slalom - finished first overall at the Bellaire meet.

The Vikings finished with 73 team points. Harrison and Clare both scored 79 points. Inland Lakes had 142 points.

Katie Lange finished seventh in slalom and eighth in GS for the Vikings. Ciara Summers placed eighth in slalom. Peggy Curriston took seventh in GS. Emily Wingard placed 21st and 17th.

"Both teams performed their best today," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "This is the third time we have faced Harrison this year. The hill we raced on today is very steep and challenging, and the boys knew this was their best chance to beat them. We came out of GS tied with them and Harrison opened the doors for us by having three of their boys crash in slalom. Unfortunately, we couldn't execute because we dumped three skiers in the



Grayling's girls ski team celebrates its first place finish at Schuss Mountain.

ditch also. We had them right where we wanted them and we didn't take advantage of their mistakes. I am very proud of their effort today. They gave Harrison the closest race they have had all year."

The girls were again outstanding in GS. They stayed in the hunt in slalom by tying Clare for second. In GS, they dominated the other teams. The girls have been skiing great. I only have five girls and we score the four fastest times, so they only have room for one mistake. It is a lot of pressure and they have been han-

dling it very well. Hannah Smith captured the GS title to help the Vikings (finish first)," Coach Gariglio said.

On Thursday, Grayling took fourth and fifth at a league meet held at Boyne Mountain.

Individual placements for GHS included: (boys slalom) Olson, 3rd; Coe, 13th; Hilbrecht, 14th; Alexander, 15th; (boys GS) Olson, 7th; Hilbrecht, 9th; Alexander, 20th; Dunckel, 22nd; (girls slalom) Smith, 11th; Curriston, 21st; Summers, 23rd; Wingard, 25th; (girls GS) Summers, 11th; Smith, 16th; Curriston,

20th; Wingard, 28th.

"Both teams are improving every week," Coach Gariglio said. "The boys finished second in slalom behind (Traverse City St. Francis). Both teams continue to improve every week and they are working hard to reach their goals. These kids are committing their weekends to practice and I have been pushing them very hard. I couldn't ask for a better group of kids for their commitment and time they are putting in."

The Vikings will ski in a league meet at Nub's Nob on Thursday, Jan. 29.

## Bowling Leagues

### Pioneer League

Grayling Rest ..... 19 - 5  
Eagles Nest ..... 16 - 8  
American Legion ..... 15.5 - 8.5  
T.C. Lawncare ..... 12 - 12  
5 B's ..... 10 - 14  
Ole Dam Store ..... 9.5 - 14.5  
Tim's Collision ..... 8 - 16  
Ball Busters ..... 6 - 18  
High Series: A. Nygard, 532; S. Johnson and M. Rock, 525. High Game: C. LaMotte, 210; C. Wyatt, 201; J. Coors, 196.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

Fred's of Rosco ..... 26 - 9  
Last Call ..... 26 - 9  
Double Trouble ..... 18 - 17  
McDonald's ..... 17 - 18  
Canadian Steak ..... 16 - 19  
Legion ..... 16 - 19  
L & L Hauling ..... 14 - 21  
Miller Spillers ..... 7 - 28  
High Series Women: R. Wall, 512; P. Younglove, 495; S. Johnson, 473. High Game Women: R. Wall, 210; S. Johnson and P. Younglove, 191. High Series Men: G. Mastroeni, 616; D. Wallace, 561; S. Pittman, 551. High Game Men: G. Mastroeni, 233; D. Wallace and P. Benardo,

### 207. Thursday Morning Coffee

Three Amigos ..... 6 - 2  
Misfits ..... 6 - 2  
Pin Slayers ..... 5.5 - 2.5  
Bill's Harem ..... 5.5 - 2.5  
Snow Tops ..... 4 - 4  
Casino Bums ..... 2 - 6  
Ladybugs ..... 2 - 6  
Rosebuds ..... 1 - 7  
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 495; I. Cosgray, 466; B. Wotring, 436. High Game Women: H. Stairs, 192; I. Cosgray, 176; J. Leask, 171. High Series Men: F. Periard, 528; D. Williamson, 520; E. Brosky, 511. High Game Men: F. Periard, 198; E. Brosky, 183; D. Williamson, 180.

### Sunday Mixed Doubles

Tearm Shockers ..... 21 - 7  
Spikes #2 ..... 17 - 11  
Salon Rue ..... 16 - 12  
Spikes #1 ..... 16 - 12  
Hard Balls ..... 15 - 13  
Growlers ..... 11 - 17  
AJD ..... 11 - 17  
GrayRock Cafe ..... 5 - 23  
High Series Men: J. Thayer, 628; T. Sheldon, 571; N. Mead, 528. High Game Men: J. Thayer, 232; T.

Sheldon, 211; D. Campbell, 196. High Series Women: H. Lippard, 470; N. Glasslee and S. Mead, 462. High Game Women: H. Lippard, 222; S. Mead, 186; C. Sheldon, 180.

### Senior League

Spike's ..... 12 - 4  
Gaylord Electric ..... 12 - 4  
Bear's Den Pizza ..... 11 - 5  
Flowers By Josie ..... 9 - 7  
Dana Transport ..... 9 - 7  
Kicking Grass ..... 5 - 11  
Sylvester's Sports ..... 5 - 11  
Lone Pine ..... 1 - 15  
High Series Women: C. Clark, 465; N. Glasslee, 456; H. Stairs, 447. High Game Women: N. Glasslee 176; C. Clark, 172; H. Stairs, 160. High Series Men: D. Williamson, 581; K. Harris, 580; L. Crampton, 527. High Game Men: K. Harris, 231; D. Williamson, 227 and 212; P. Faustiman, 187.

### Recreation League

GMH-NCC ..... 13 - 7  
Woody Girls ..... 13 - 7  
Robin Smith CPA ..... 12 - 8  
TNT Charter ..... 11 - 9  
American Legion ..... 10 - 10

Days Inn ..... 9 - 11  
Glen's Market ..... 8 - 12  
Grayling Nursing ..... 4 - 16  
High Series: S. Johnson, 551; P. D'Amour, 518; D. Mead, 499. High Game: S. Johnson, 210; M. Ginther, 203; P. D'Amour, 187.

### National First

GADCO ..... 17 - 4  
Continental Rental ..... 12 - 9  
Primary Electric ..... 11 - 10  
Pittman Bld ..... 9 - 12  
Hagerman Const ..... 8 - 13  
High Series: J. Thayer and J. Arwood, 584; S. Pittman, 581. High Game: J. Thayer, 247; D. Lawe, 235; C. Brill, 226.



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## SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

January 12, 2009

### Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Balmes, Little, Summers, Ashton and Hartman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor and Fire Chief.

Correspondence: Two pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept the 2009 Holiday Schedule as presented. All ayes, motion carried. We will be closed the same days as Crawford County.

2. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept the Community Center rules as presented. All ayes, motion carried. There will be a break in price for residents that rent the Community Center for the afternoon and evening both.

3. Discussion regarding a computer server backup system. It is still being worked on with no decision made.

4. Discussion regarding the Honor lawsuit. Liens have been placed on his vacant property.

### New Business:

1. Motion by Little and seconded by Balmes to reappoint the following to the Board of Review: Gary Parkinson, Doug Keipert and Jim Norton. Alternates: Gary Jurkovich and John Welt. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Discussion regarding the request for additional funds to keep recycling operating. We need more information.

3. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the Poverty Exemption Update for 2009 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Hartman and seconded by Balmes to support the Grayling Area Traffic Study recommendation that the North Down River Road interchange become a full interchange. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Hartman to pay the AP invoices. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

GENDRON and JAMES G. GENDRON, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to MMS MORTGAGE SERVICES, LTD., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on April 26, 2005, in Liber 675, on Page 159, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$54,500.51), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

THE NORTH 162.65 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWN 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 15, 2009  
MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION  
Mortgagee/Assignee

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

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## South Branch Township Notice of Public Hearing

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing On February 10, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the South Branch Township Hall 5245 N. M-18, Crawford County, Michigan. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to discuss and acquaint the public that the South Branch Fire Dept. has applied for a grant to assist in the purchase of a Command Vehicle. Interested residents should attend the meeting to voice their opinions. If unable to attend, written comments can be sent to the South Branch Township Hall, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, Mich. 48653 or email supervisor @southbranchtownship.com.

## Legal Action

### STATE OF MICHIGAN 87th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

### JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PROBATE ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

Case No. 08-5481-GC-1

Court address: 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738  
Court telephone no. (989) 344-3242

Plaintiff:  
Auto-Owners Insurance Company  
(As Subrogee of Phyllis Tackett)

Plaintiff attorney:  
Assurance Legal Group, PLLC  
Tamara L. Hoffstatter (P60248), Ian T. Morton (P67892)  
1760 South Telegraph Road, Suite 106  
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302  
(248) 209-0022

Defendant:  
Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr.  
205 Alexia Lane  
Grayling, MI 49738

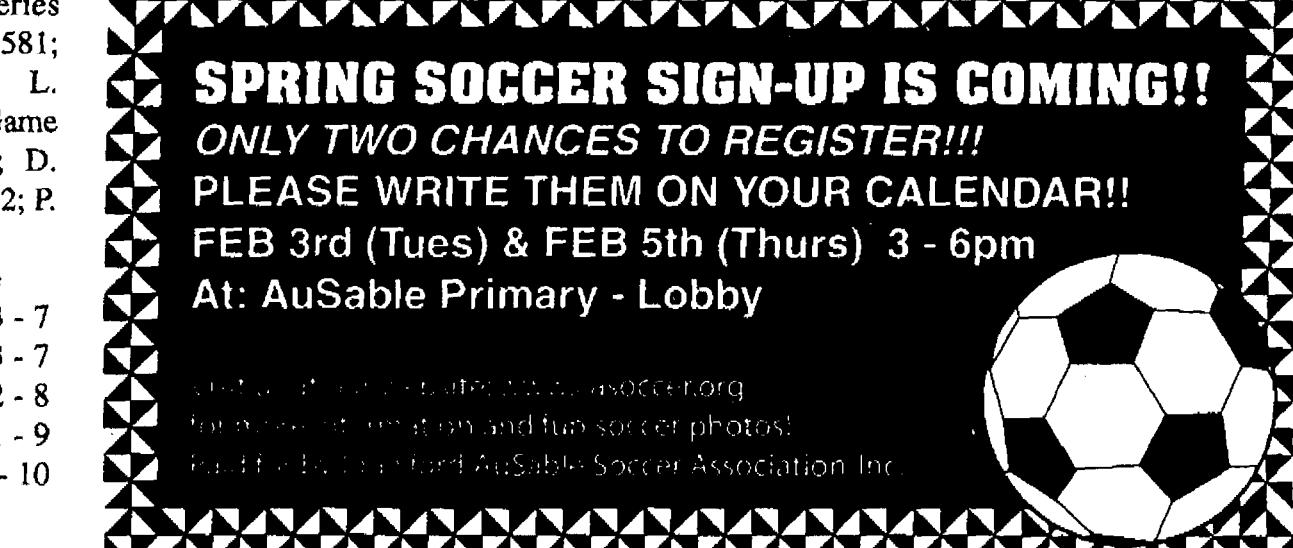
In the matter of Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr.

### THE COURT FINDS:

1. Service of process upon defendant, Todd Emanuel Cardoza, Jr. cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

### IT IS ORDERED:

2. Service of the summons and



GENDRON and JAMES G. GENDRON, WIFE AND HUSBAND, to MMS MORTGAGE SERVICES, LTD., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2005, and recorded on April 26, 2005, in Liber 675, on Page 159, and assigned by said mortgagee to MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and Fifty-One Cents (\$54,500.51), including interest at 6.500% per annum.

Said premises are located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

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Dated: January 15, 2009  
MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL CREDIT UNION  
Mortgagee/Assignee

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## Legal Action

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan Z. Backus and Amanda Lyn Rohrn/a Amanda Lyn Backus, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 24, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 658, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seven And 93/100 Dollars (\$57,507.93), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A-2: Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence South (along the West Section line) 349.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence South 89 degrees East 233 feet; thence South 280.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees West 233 feet; thence North 280.9 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
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Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-  
2525  
File #196161FO2

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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded or set aside by the foreclosing mortgagee. In such event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to a return or refund of the bid amount tendered at such sale, together with interest at the rate set forth herein.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Eric Fisher, a single man, Mortgagor, of 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, to Chemical Bank, successor by merger to Chemical Bank West, a Michigan banking corporation, of 333 E. Main Street, Midland, Michigan 48640, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on March 1, 2001, in Liber 529, at page 476, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late fees, as of the date of this notice, the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and Seventy-Nine Hundredths Dollars (\$66,155.79).

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed in the lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse, in Grayling, State of Michigan, being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held, by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, of the premises in said mortgage or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon at Five and Two Hundred Forty Thousandths percent (5.25%) per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney's fees allowed by law, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the Mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interests in the premises.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, are commonly known as 10587 Indian Woods Trail, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, and are more particularly described as follows:

Lot 617, Indian Glens of the AuSable No. 6, according to the plan thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale; provided, however, that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following such sale.

Date: January 21, 2009  
William R. Garchow (P61833)  
CURRIE KENDALL PLC  
6024 Eastman Avenue  
Midland, Michigan 48640  
(989)839-0300  
Attorneys for Chemical Bank  
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael B. Ritter, a Single Man, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgage, dated June 28, 2002, and recorded on July 11, 2002 in Liber 588 on Page 1, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Five And 91/100 Dollars (\$54,335.91), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009. Said premises are situated in

Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at a point which is North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 277.22 feet and North 0 degrees 54 minutes East, 33.07 feet from the East 1/8 corner common to Sections 6 and 7, Town 26 North, range 3 West, and running thence North 0 degrees 54 minutes East 195 feet; thence North 87 degrees 06 minutes East 60.13 feet; thence South 0 degrees 54 minutes West 195 feet; thence South 87 degrees 06 minutes West 60.13 feet to the point of beginning. Being a Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009

For more information, please call:  
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damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Lee Thomas and Kathleen J. Thomaska Kathleen Schopp, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 22, 2002, and recorded on May 21, 2002 in Liber 582 on Page 282, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four And 88/100 Dollars (\$33,824.88), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 4, 2009. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are

described as: Unit 14 and 15, Ausable Country Acres, a condominium established pursuant to the Master Deed, thereof, as recorded in Liber 433, Pages 203 through 241, inclusive, Crawford County Records, also being, known as Crawford County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 3, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed, and Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 29, 2009

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### COOR BOARD ELECTION

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District will have four six-year terms on the ballot in the May 5, 2009 election. Board of Education members whose terms are expiring are Robert Carpenter, Bernadine Dosch, Nancy Persing and John Pilion. Candidates have until 4 p.m. February 10, 2009 to file nominating petitions or to pay a \$100 filing fee.

The seats are open to residents of the Crawford AuSable, Fairview, Gerrish-Higgins, Houghton Lake, Mio AuSable and West Branch-Rose City School Districts. Petitions are available at the C.O.O.R. Administrative Offices located at 11051 North Cut Road, Roscommon. For further information, prospective candidates may call the superintendent's office - 989-275-9520 or 989-275-9538.

### NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY 2009 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
February 19, 2009	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
March 19, 2009	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City
April 16, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Elmwood Township Hall 10090 E. Lincoln Road, Traverse City
May 21, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
June 18, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
July 16, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
August 20, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City
September 17, 2009	6:30 p.m.	Elmwood Township Hall 10090 E. Lincoln Road, Traverse City
October 15, 2009	6:30 p.m.	ROOC, Inc. 11051 N. Cut Road, Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
November 19, 2009	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 17, 2009	6:00 p.m.	Northern Lakes Community Mental Health 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City

Meetings are open to the Public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations, please call the Director's Office three days prior to the posted meeting date. Video Conference may be available to another office location and should be verified by calling the Director's Office.

Committee of the Whole Meetings are held prior to each Board meeting (3:30 p.m. start time for the months of January-March, November-December and 4:00 p.m. start time for the months of April-October).

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Grayling Charter Township Zoning Board to hold public hearing

The Grayling Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet in public session on Monday, February 16th, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the town hall to hear public comment on the following requests:

**Case # 09-01 Request for front yard variance**  
**Petitioner:** John & Sharon Sanderson  
7460 Mistwood Drive  
White Lake, MI 48383  
**Local Address:** 1653 Gingerquill Drive  
Grayling, MI 49738  
**Property ID#** 040-40-011-14-020-00  
**Zoning:** Natural River District  
**Lot size:** 37.5 acres  
**Request:** Request to demolish existing home and build new home using most of same footprint. New construction will be 100-feet from river (including a 20-foot rise in bank) at closest point, requiring a 100-foot front variance.

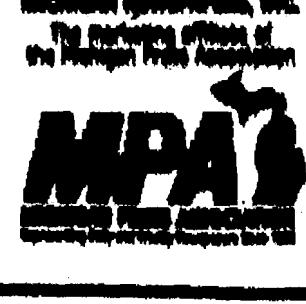
Zoning Justification: Ordinance 2003-02, Article XVI, Section 16.07

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing.

Text and maps of requests are on file in the township offices and are available for public review during normal working hours. The Grayling Township offices and meeting room are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling. Questions pertaining to this request may be directed to the Grayling Township Zoning Administrator at the town hall, or by calling (989) 348-4361.

Terry Wright  
Supervisor/Zoning Administrator

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# Features

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 Years Ago

**January 30, 1986**

Eight of the small medallions hidden were found during the first three days of the Medallion Hunt, but the big one worth \$500 is still out in the county somewhere.

The Grayling volleyball team remained undefeated in match play at 4-0 with a close win over Gaylord St. Mary's. On Saturday, Grayling brought home a second place trophy from the Gaylord Invitational.

Heavy drifting in Maple Forest Township buried John Lichlyter's large German shepherd dog overnight. Lichlyter said the dog was fine on Sunday night, Jan. 12. When he went out to feed him, the doghouse had extra hay inside and the snow wasn't drifting heavily, yet the wind was blowing hard. By daylight the next morning, Lichlyter looked out to check on the dog and couldn't see him. All that he could see was the tip of the three-foot high doghouse. He rushed outside and started looking for where the dog might be buried. He started digging and found Sparky at the end of his 10-foot leash range. The dog was coated with snow and was shaken, but he soon perked up. Lichlyter said the drifting was so bad that it had even packed snow inside of Sparky's doghouse.

The oldest winter sports

carnival in the state is set for Saturday, Feb. 8, and Sunday, Feb. 9. The 61st Annual Grayling Winter Sports Carnival will again hold most of its events at Hanson Hills, the state's oldest ski park. Preceding the weekend of events, the Miss Grayling Pageant will crown a new queen for 1986 on Feb. 1.

The Grayling Winter Sports Carnival Parade is beginning to shape up and looks to be one of the best ever. The parade is scheduled to start at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the corner of Lake and Maple Street, proceed to Michigan Avenue and will end at the county building.

The Grayling wrestling team beat Charlevoix 42-41 in a close match at home last Thursday. Buck Monforton, Tim Cooke and John Gay led the victory with pins over their opponents. At a tournament on Saturday in Breckenridge, Ward Jones won the championship at 145 pounds.

### 46 Years Ago

**January 31, 1963**

Miss Frederic 1963 will be crowned at Mt. Frederic on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3. Five contestants for the title of Miss Frederic were chosen from the junior and senior classes by a vote at Frederic High School. Those chosen were Janet Blaauw, a senior and daughter of the Fred Blaauws, and juniors Margaret Madill,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Madill, Donna Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pratt, Janet Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson, and Sharon Plagens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arno Plagens.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Juntila have moved into the Catlin home on Eagle Point, formerly occupied by the Bob Tapleys.

The following students were on the honor roll for the past six weeks at the Frederic Community School. In seventh grade was Mary Bindschat and Linda Murphy, in the eighth grade was Sandy Heska and Patsy Henion, in the ninth grade was Janice Johnson and Tom Koernke, in the tenth grade was Charles Bearss, Ellen Newell and Margaret Weaver, in the eleventh grade was Margaret Madill and in the twelfth grade was Joyce Roed.

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Grayling, were selected as alternates. They were nominated because of the interest they displayed during the recent Senior Government Day.

### 69 Years Ago

**February 1, 1940**

Several members of the Buick Motor Car Company of Flint have written Jesse Schoonover, the local Buick dealer, saying that they will come to Grayling Friday and while they are here they desire to meet a lot of Grayling citizens. They intend to take pictures of some of our local sights, probably for the purpose of using them in some of their Buick advertising.

Russell Robinson is driving a brand new special deluxe Chevrolet town sedan, purchased from Alfred Hanson.

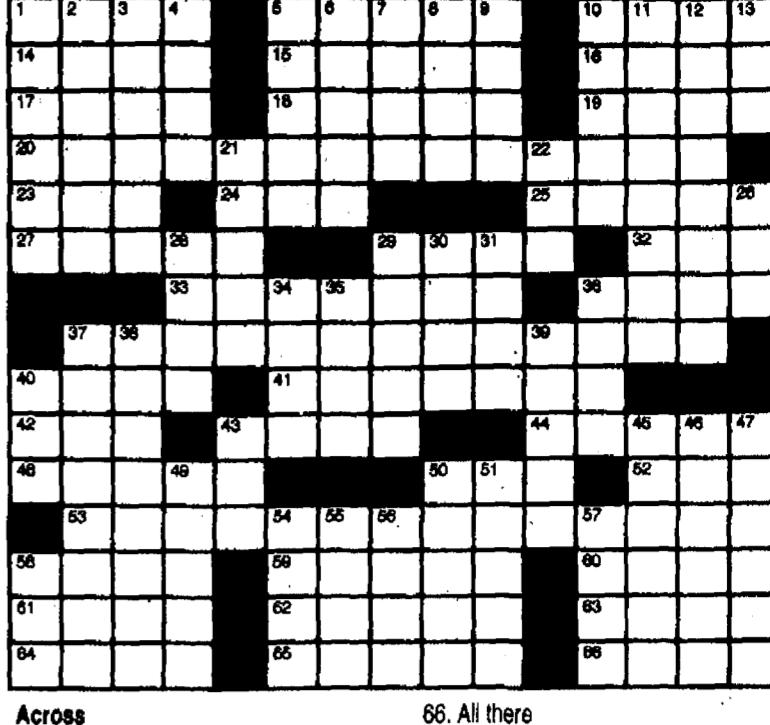
### 92 Years Ago

**February 1, 1917**

McGuire DuPree has traded his property here with Walmer Jorgenson for property in Bay City and will move his family there in the near future.

Wilhelm Raae, head bookkeeper for the Salling Hanson Company, will be the manager of the Johannesburg Manufacturing Company in Johannesburg, a position made vacant by the resignation of Frank Michelson. Mr. and Mrs. Raae will move there in the near future.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. Lockup  
5. Picket line crossers  
10. Accomplished  
14. Small buffalo of the Celebes  
15. Dejected  
16. A little lamb  
17. Independent federal agency that provides mail processing  
18. Association of nations dedicated to economic and political cooperation in southeastern Asia  
19. Crumbs  
20. Structure consisting of the part of a ship above the main deck  
23. ... he drove out of sight  
24. "Bingo!"  
25. Dig, so to speak  
27. Any "Seinfeld," now  
29. Reverse, e.g.  
32. "No \_\_!"  
33. Recently born  
36. "Father" in French  
37. Formal systematic questioning  
40. Sundaeopper, perhaps  
41. Apparition  
42. Ace  
43. Aardvark fare  
44. Accommodate  
48. Inclined to heel over easily under sail  
50. Criticize, slantly  
52. "Fantasy Island" prop  
53. Turning a vehicle around in a limited space by moving in a series of back and forward arcs  
58. \_\_ Clinic  
59. Carpenter's tool  
60. Trans-Siberian Railroad city  
61. "Beetle Bailey" dog  
62. Goat-like antelope of central Eurasia  
63. Carbon compound  
64. Strengthen, with "up"  
65. Back, in a way

66. All there  
Down  
1. That which causes  
2. Check  
3. Used to prune small trees  
4. Beam intensely  
5. #1 song  
6. \_\_ del Sol  
7. Little, e.g.  
8. Bridges of Los Angeles County  
9. Harmony  
10. For all to hear  
11. Someone who receives something on the promise to return it  
12. Knowledgeable about literature  
13. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.  
21. Hindu queen  
22. Toni Morrison's " \_\_ Baby"  
26. #13  
28. "Do \_\_ others as..."  
29. Merchandise  
30. "Cogito \_\_ sum"  
31. Stage in psychosexual development  
34. Small songbird  
35. Cantab, for one  
36. Duck's home  
37. Bug  
38. Apprentice  
39. A goner  
40. Decide to leave, with "out"  
43. Affirmative vote  
45. Person who has received a degree from a school  
46. Being  
47. Emit a high sound  
49. 86 is a high one  
50. San \_\_, Calif.  
51. Acquired relative  
54. ... or \_\_!  
55. Formal expression of praise  
56. "Ars amatoria" poet  
57. "Little piggies"  
58. Kind of rule

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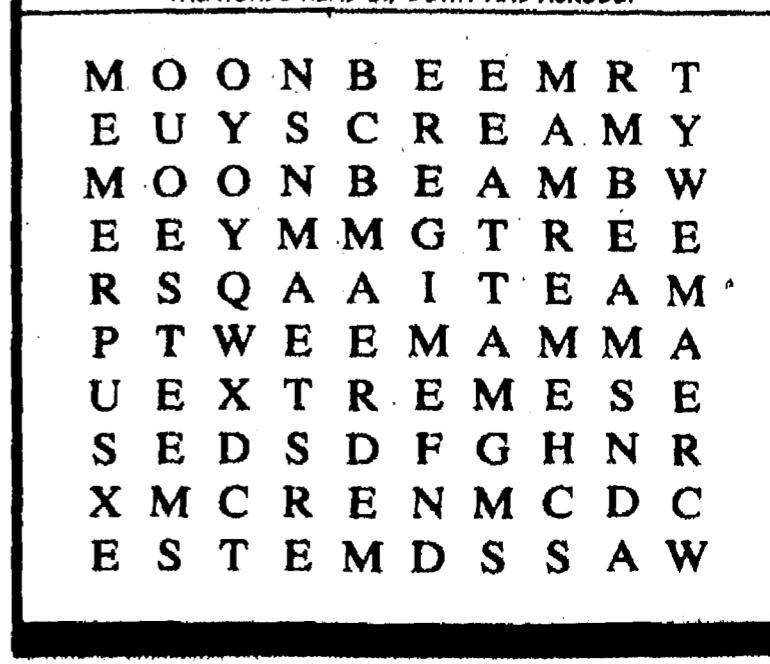
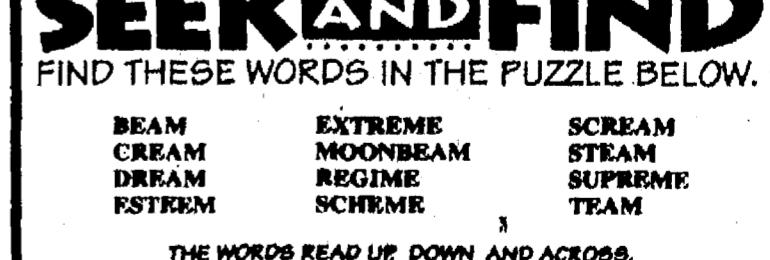
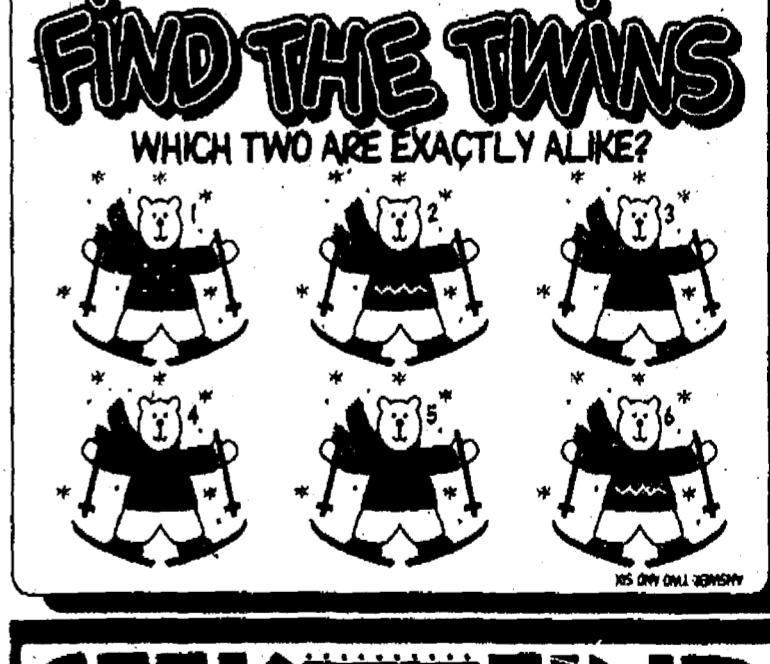
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## ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



## HOROSCOPES

For the week of January 29, 2009

	Dream on, Capricorn. You can't please everyone, and the sooner you realize that, the better off you will be. A package from a loved one provides just the pick-me-up you need.
	Watch it, Aries. Pitch a fit, and you may just get the opposite of what you are after. Taci is required. A financial transaction goes smoothly, almost too smoothly.
	Opportunity beckons. Embrace it, Cancer, and the world will be yours for the taking. A sweet treat provides insight into a recurring dilemma.
	Be wary, Libra. Things are not as they seem, and someone has a hidden agenda. A small windfall gets a home improvement project off to a great start.
	The school band recently received four new songs which are "Alley Cat," "Ramblin' Rose," "A Swinging Safari" and "Limbo Rock." These will be played at the Friday night home basketball games.
	Four Crawford County high school seniors have been nominated to take part in a three-week seminar at Michigan State University next summer. Janet Blaauw of Frederic and Walt Fallon of Grayling were selected as delegates and Julie Carlson and Jack Welch, both of
	Resist the urge to flee a confrontation, Leo, and you will come out on top. A change in travel plans brings a whole new set of problems. Think through them carefully.
	Oh my, Scorpio. A turn of events sends everyone into a panic. Go with the flow, and you will survive. Leisure time increases, and life's little pleasures beckon.
	Treat lightly, Virgo. A friend is ill, but is not ready to talk. Offer your support and give them some space. A web of news floods the phone lines.
	Stand back, Pisces. Changes are afoot, and a visit is expected. Hold on to your hat! Things will be rocky at first, but don't worry, life will get better. The to-do list at home grows.
	Stress rises with the arrival of guests, Pisces. Hold off until things settle down. Gemini, before you meet and greet, it won't be easy, but you will get through the visit.
	Be careful, Sagittarius. You're tested at work, and guess what, you pass with flying colors. Get the team together and take everyone out for lunch. A bigger challenge looms.

### ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.

<b>Noah</b> Noah is a 3 year old Lab/Golden mix. He is intelligent, sweet and affectionate. He is just an all around great guy. Noah has been neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped.	<b>Sparkle</b> Sparkle is a very pretty and sensitive 1 year old kitty. She does well with other cats and is really quiet. This cat has been leukemia tested, spayed and vaccinated.
<b>Visit us at:</b> <a href="http://www.usablevalleyanimalshelter.org">www.usablevalleyanimalshelter.org</a>	
<b>Ausable Valley Animal Shelter</b> 5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117 For more pets or more information, visit our web site <a href="http://www.acsc.pellinder.com">www.acsc.pellinder.com</a>	

### WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week	Snow	Inches
1/20 15 -17	0	
1/21 18 -18	0	
1/22 22 18 0	High 24	Low 14
1/23 24 21 0	High 26	Low 12
1/24 26 2 0	High 26	Low 14
1/25 13 4 0.5	Showers	Showers
1/26 13 -11 0	Showers	Showers

**Extended Forecast**  
(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 24	High 17	High 26	High 26	High 24	High 24
Low 14	Low 12	Low 21	Low 14	Low 13	Low 12

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### TOFFEE-BANANA BROWNIES

#### Ingredients:

1 cup Macadamia Nuts, chopped  
1 box (19.5 oz) fudge brownie mix  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/4 cup water  
3 eggs  
1 1/2 cups toffee bits

**Directions:** Heat oven to 350°F. Generously spray 13x9-inch pan with non-stick cooking spray. In medium bowl, stir brownie mix, oil, water and eggs 50 strokes with spoon. Add 1 cup of the toffee bits, the nuts and bananas; stir just until well blended. Pour into pan. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup toffee bits over top. Bake 38 to 48 minutes or until center is set when lightly touched, top is slightly dry and edges just start to pull away from sides of pan. Cool completely, about 2 hours. For brownies, cut into 6 rows by 4 rows. To serve, drizzle each brownie with caramel topping. Cover and refrigerate any remaining brownies.

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## 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME** 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

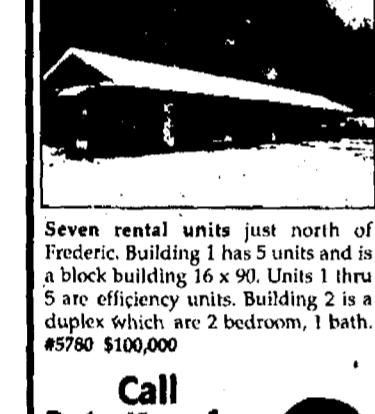
**BEAUTIFUL STONE HOUSE** In town of Frederic. Great shape, new carpet, new paint. 4 bedrooms, large yard, 2 car garage, carport, full basement and new appliances. Don't miss this one! \$75,000. Call 989-348-5587. (-22-29/1)

**NICE** 2 bedroom mobile home, new appliances, asking \$3,500 cash or trade. 989-745-6012. (-29/1)

## 2. For Rent

**HOME FOR RENT** 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Utilities and security deposit. No pets. 989-348-8621. (-29/2)

## 1. Real Estate



Seven rental units just north of Frederic. Building 1 has 5 units and is a block building 16 x 90. Units 1 thru 5 are efficiency units. Building 2 is a duplex which are 2 bedroom, 1 bath. #5700 \$100,000

Call  
Pete Kocefas  
**Century 21**  
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE  
989-344-1800  
Grayling MI

## 2. For Rent

**MOBILE HOMES** 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

**2 BEDROOM HOUSE** Electric heat, 1/2 mile from Bear Lake. \$470 a month, no pets. Call 231-275-6887. (-29/2)

**NICE CLEAN** 2 bedroom duplex, totally remodeled. Laundry hookup, storage, lawncare and snowplowing. No smoking, \$495. 700A Smith and 8114 Insley Ave. 348-2178. (1/8/09tf/2)

**Grayling Pines Apartments** is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas, also a very nice playground area. Free heat and free hot water. For Personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-649-3777.

## 1. Real Estate

## 2. For Rent

**RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS.** 306 Knight St. in Grayling has one bedroom units available. Rent based on income. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-15-22-29-5/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** In town. 1 bedroom, plus den. \$450 a month plus utilities. Call 348-2473. (-29/2)

**AVAILABLE SOON** 3 bedroom, plus den, located in city. Family room, formal living room, large kitchen, 2 baths and fenced back yard. \$650 per month plus utilities. Call 348-2473. (-29/2)

**COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT** Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

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Newly renovated inside and out.  
One and Two Bedroom Units Available

Heat, Water/Sewer,  
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APPLICATIONS  
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TDD 1-800-760-1997  
or pick up application at property

140 Knight St., Grayling  
Income Restrictions Apply

Equal Housing Opportunity

1-800-649-3777

## 1. Real Estate

## 2. For Rent

**APARTMENT AVAILABLE** Fully furnished, washer and dryer, dishwasher, fridge, stove and includes utilities. Call 348-8471. (-29/2)

**COZY FURNISHED 2 BEDROOM** With garage. North of Higgins Lake. \$500 a month, first and last month's rent and credit report obtained, 989-939-8965. (-22-29/2)

**BIG HOUSE** Mobile homes and cabins at Lost Acres. 4 bedroom log home, \$575; 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities; cabins from \$275 - \$375 with free utilities. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27, no pets at all. 1-877-227-6976, more details at [www.quality-homercantables.net](http://www.quality-homercantables.net) (Northern Michigan Units). (11/20/08tf/2)

**FOR RENT** Efficiency apartment in Frederic. \$375 a month, \$200 deposit. Includes heat, electric, plowing, garbage and cable TV. 348-2137. No pets. (-22-29/2)

**HOME FOR RENT** 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

**WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS** Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for beautiful 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of your income; low to moderate incomes are welcome. Barrier free apartment waiting list is currently open. These apartments offer a patio, walk-in closets, air conditioning, garbage disposal, window treatments, neutral decor, and spacious living areas. Free heat and free hot water. For a personal showing please call Jerry @ (989) 344-0020.

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## 3. Employment

## SCHEDULING COORDINATOR

for Grayling specialty office: must be warm, caring, computer proficient, exceptional communication skills and wanting an opportunity to truly improve people's lives 2-3 days per week. Fax cover letter and resume to (231) 946-6026.

## 3. Employment

## 2. For Rent

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT** Non-smoking, no pets, \$500 a month plus gas. 348-4840. (-29/2)

**RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS** Hannah and Ballenger Street in Roscommon has 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units available for immediate occupancy by eligible applicants. Rent is based on income. Laundry and play areas on site. Send this ad and your second month is free. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD# 1-800-855-1155. (-15-22-29-5/2)

**APT OR HOUSE** For rent, near Camp Grayling. Utilities not included. 989-348-3215. (-22-29/2)

**MOBILE HOMES** Located in Grayling Mobile Estates. 3 bedroom, 1 bath and natural gas. \$485 a month plus security deposit. Call Ron at 989-348-6761. (1/22/09tf/2)

**2 BEDROOM** 2 bath home in Grayling. Full basement, attached garage and fenced yard. \$800 plus deposit. Call 231-675-3157. References required and pets OK with deposit. (-15-22-29-5/2)

**CLEAN 3 BEDROOM** 1 bath home in Frederic Township. Natural gas and cable available. 7681 Mill St., \$500 monthly. 989-450-9742. (-22-29-12-26/2)

**BEAUTIFUL** Clean, fully furnished 3 bedroom home, close to Higgins Lake. Available month to month, no smoking or pets. \$595 per month. Call 231-218-8529. (-22-29-5/2)

**THE CLASSIFIEDS** - The perfect place to find your first apartment. Call (989) 348-6811 for more information.

**ASSISTANT TRAINEES** Career opportunity for 18 individuals to fill vacancies due to two new offices opening in the area. No experience necessary, excellent training program and promotion eligibility. \$400 a week minimum to start. To schedule interview call Monday and Tuesday, 989-732-8439. (-29/3)

## 3. Employment

## Grayling Recreation Authority Groomer Maintenance

The Grayling Recreation Authority is looking for an experienced Heavy Equipment Mechanic to perform Routine Maintenance Schedules on its Pisten Bully 200 Diesel Groomer. All interested Mechanics are asked to review the said Maintenance Schedules and provide bids on estimated Labor hours and cost to perform required tasks. All interested mechanics should inquire with the Grayling Recreation Authority at 989-348-9266 to review the required tasks of the maintenance schedules.

Bids should be received by Feb. 13th.

## Century 21

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REAL ESTATE, INC  
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989-348-5474

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**150-AIRABLE MAINSTREAM BELOW WAKELEY BRIDGE:** Adkins slate and on north side. Classic fishing retreat. This setting is truly one-of-a-kind. Only 20' off river edge. Swift gravel bottom river, beautiful mature pine & hardwoods make this a unique get-away. Private pine forest with a paved entrance, garage and stone steps. Most furniture and contents are included. Additional adjacent river property available. Sized and priced. CH-2772 \$210,000

**NEW LISTING**

**602 FRONTAGE ON THE AIRABLE RIVER 11 INCLUDED:** ADKES Camp Timbercreek 11 acres with 642 frontage on very private park like setting. College sits on only 25 of acres and has a 100' wide driveway. 100' wide driveway and no visible neighbors. Detached and one bath. Beautiful timbered log college with updated windows and roof. Mostly furnished. Buyer college has first option to purchase subject to seller's acceptance. CH-2771 \$320,000

**150-AIRABLE PINE:**

**NATURE LOVERS WILL LOVE THIS!** Home built in 2004 is in excellent condition, offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1200 s.f., large 2.5 car detached garage. Airable Woods Association offers private river access, club house uses pool, picnic area, garage, pickup, and boat launch. Site has right down to road for snowmobiling, hunting, etc. CH-2760 \$111,000

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD

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## 3 Employment

**OFFICE POSITION** Job title: Office Administrator. Position: part time office work, 20 to 24 hours per week. Benefits: life insurance, holiday and vacation pay. Qualifications: high school diploma, friendly and compassionate, respect confidentiality, self motivated, good listening skills, able to multitask, accounting and computer skills. Complete job detail provided with interview. A background check will be done. Please send your resume to: Attn.: Elizabeth, St. Francis Episcopal Church, 6441 M-72 West, P.O. Box 501, Grayling, MI 49738. We are an equal opportunity employer. (-29-5/3)

## 4 Services Offered

**RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

**D. HAWES / Driver's Training:** Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

**PROFESSIONAL HEMMING** jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-1-15-29/4)

**SNOW & ICE REMOVAL** Off roofs, snowplowing and entranceways cleared. 30 years experience. Call Jerry, 989-348-7046. (-22-29-5/4)

**CERTIFIED NURSES AIDE** Will care for your loved one in their home. 231-564-1379. (-29-5/4)

## 4 Services Offered

**JUST LIKE HOME DAY-CARE** Full and part time openings, close to town, many fun learning activities. Lots of TLC. Call Ashley, 344-0949. (-29-5/4)

**PROFESSIONAL** Roof clearing/snow and ice removal. We protect shingles, pipes and exterior fixtures from damage during clearing. Call anytime 989-390-6172. (-8-15-22-29/4)

**INCOME TAX SERVICE** Very reasonable rates and electronic filing at no extra charge. Always confidential. Call Marge, 989-821-5542. (LR4/9/09/4)

**PERMANENT MAKE-UP PROCEDURES** 15 percent off until April 1, 2009. Eye of the Lotus, West Branch business loop. Licensed, certified and experienced. 989-312-0055. (-15-22-29/4)

**REASONABLE RATES** Snowplowing, Karen Woods, Sherwood Forest and surrounding areas. Call for next season also, 390-3980 or 348-7398. (-29-5/4)

**SNOW REMOVAL** Roofs, decks, sidewalks, driveways and walkways. Free estimates. Call 989-390-0601 or 989-390-3895 and ask for Dave. (-29-5/4)

**HOUSEKEEPER/AIDE** Help with errands, meals and home organization from plants to pet care. 248-830-4827. (-29-5/4)

## 8. Announcements

**BANKRUPTCY**  
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**APPLIANCE SERVICE** You will gladly tell your friends about. Call Paul, 348-0167. (-15-22-29-5/5)

**30" HUSQVARNA** 2 stage big snowblower. Less than one season used. Bought tractor, do not need anymore. Paid \$1,400 for it, will take \$800. Like new, 989-348-9661. (-22-29/5)

**WARREN FOREST PRODUCTS** Now buying standing timber. Call 989-348-7133 during day and leave a message. Evenings call 231-229-4845, ask for Chan. (LR01/29/08/6)

**BUYING JUNK VEHICLES** Price varies with size but will pay the most. Call Don at 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (10/11/07tf/6)

**BUYING SCRAP METAL** All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

**MIP** and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

**HALL FOR RENT** 120 person capacity, full kitchen facility available. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (-18-25-1-8-15-22-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19-26-2-9-16/8)

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**AUCTION** January 31, 10 a.m.: Perry Creek & M-33, Mio. Showcases; penny scale; furniture; kitchen; household; glass; DVDs; video games; garage and shop; sportsman; guns; coins and more! View online or call. Lets Talk Auction! 9 8 9 - 8 4 8 - 5 1 5 8 . www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-29/8)

**WANTED** The Grayling Hall of Honor veteran's committee is looking to find a person/business that has the capability to add names to the plaques honoring all Grayling School system veterans. If interested, these plaques can be viewed at the Grayling High School and then contact Jim Tobin at 989-348-5361 or just call Jim for more information. Thank you. (01/22/09tf/8)

**THANKS A LATTE** Coffee House, Friday, February 6, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., featuring Radel Rosin with Penny Podjaske followed by open mike. Suggested donation \$3 per person, \$8 per family. Thanks A Latte, 212 Michigan Avenue, 348-4006. (-22-29-5/8)

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**WANTED**  
Non-Profit 501C3  
Human Service Agencies Interested in applying for funding through United Way of Crawford County Allocation Packets are now available by calling  
**344-9300**  
United Way of Crawford County

## 9. Personals

## 8. Announcements

**FRIENDS** Of the Crawford County Library are holding their annual Mid Winter Book Sale on February 4, 5, 6, 2009. On Tuesday, February 3, we are having a pre-sale to all Friends members. Not a member? Dues \$10. Come in and sign up that night. Pre-Sale from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Refreshments served. (-29-5/8)

**ATTENTION CLASSMATES OF 1989** Reunion scheduled for July 18th at Hanson Hills. Family time during the day and evening for adults. Please contact Janet Petrosky at janetpclark@hotmail.com. (-29-5-12-19-26-5-12-19/8)

## 11. Automotive

**CAR DETAILING** Let JJ's Motor Mall make your vehicle sparkle inside & out! 348-7710. (5/31/07tf/11)

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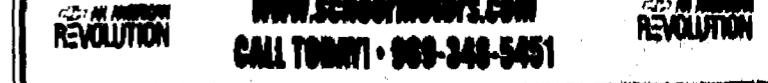
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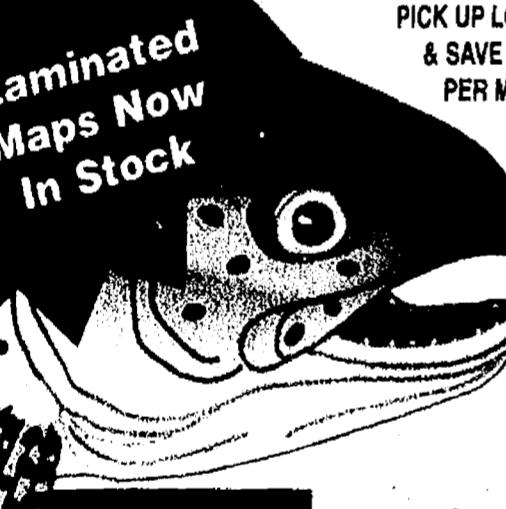
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